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## WITNESS BEGINS IN THE HOME



### MAKE YOUR WILL MONTH

"There are two reasons my wife and I have made our wills: we have children, and we have nothing," said a young man.

Wait a minute... did he say that they have nothing... and need wills? He just refuted a commonly held idea that only a wealthy person needs a will. Obviously, although this couple may not be considered wealthy, they do have some assets. This is one important reason why they need wills. There are certain costs involved in passing property to others at death. The smaller the estate, the greater the need for reducing expenses. A will usually does this, leaving a larger amount to be passed on.

However, saving expenses is not the only reason for having a will. Persons with minor children should name guardians for them and provide for the management of property which the children would inherit in the event that both parents should die. Otherwise, these responsibilities will be assumed by the courts. Adults without children or whose children are now grown also need a will.

Most Christians make contributions to their church and other Christian causes during their lifetime. Many want part of their estate to go to the Lord's work at their death. Without a will, or other legal provisions made during one's lifetime, this is not possible.

A will may create a trust with the income going to the spouse or other persons and which, after their deaths, would go to a Baptist cause. Such trusts relieve loved ones of management responsibilities. There may also be tax advantages.

A will is essential for a good family witness. Your Baptist Foundation Harold T. Kitchings, executive secretary, Box 530, Jackson, can assist you or your attorney in this vital area of Christian stewardship.—SBC Stewardship Commission

## January 11 Has Challenge To Witness

Sunday, January 11, has been designated Witness Commitment Day—a time for Southern Baptists to consider their responsibilities for reaching people for Christ, said Fred White, direct evangelism director for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta.

On that day, Southern Baptists will be challenged to fulfill their obligations to the Great Commission, he said.

"God places his children in strategic places," White explained. "And he expects them to share the good news of the gospel with persons they contact."

An important factor in the emphasis will be teaching Southern Baptists about three evangelism training processes which are available to them, he said.

The first, Lay Evangelism Schools, involves adults and youth in an effort to learn the basics of witnessing. Each school consists of a three-month preparation period, a week of intensive training and three more months of continued training.

"One of the exciting results of a Lay Evangelism School is that persons are

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## Mississippi Baptists Reach Budget Goal

Mississippi Baptists finished 1980 ahead of their \$11,247,000 budget with total missions gifts for the year amounting to \$11,510,460, according to an announcement by Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The last month of 1980 became the sixth month during the year to go over \$1 million dollars in Cooperative Program gifts for the month. The final total for December was \$1,159,107. This was the second highest total for one month in Mississippi Baptist history, Kelly noted. The highest monthly missions gifts on record were those totaling \$1,221,296 in January of 1980. Other months during the year in which Cooperative Program gifts went over \$1 million were April, July, September, and October. The first and only previous \$1 million-dollar month was October of 1979.

The \$11,510,460 for 1980 was a 15.6 percent increase over the total for 1979 of \$9,961,221. This was a monetary increase of \$1,549,239 over the 1979 figure and was \$263,460 more than the annual budget. According to convention action, \$250,000 of the coverage will go to the Mississippi College School of Law.

The \$1,159,107 for December was a 56.3 percent increase over the same month of 1979, when the total was \$741,455. This was a numerical increase of \$417,552.

Kelly said it should be a thrilling experience for all Mississippi Baptists to go over the convention's biggest budget ever before this year's in such a fashion as was done.

"We started the year by giving more than \$1 million and ended the year in the same way," he said. "This gives us great encouragement to believe that our 1981 Bold Missions budget of \$12,655,000 can be achieved. It must be achieved if we are to step up our efforts at witnessing to a lost world and to try to make the gospel available to everyone by the end of this century. Surely this is a desperate time in the history of mankind as far as his relationship to God is concerned, and surely we don't want to fail in our effort to seek to give everyone in all the world an opportunity to make that relationship right. We feel that 1981 must

## "Preach, Practice Peace"

# Peacemaking Explored By Convention Agency

By Tim Fields  
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — "We have never lived in a time when it was more important to preach peace, practice peace and do the things that make for peace," Foy Valentine told a Southern Baptist Consultation on Peace With Justice.

Valentine, executive director of the SBC Christian Life Commission, was

one of the participants in the consultation, which explored plans for a convention-wide agenda for peace and discussed new ways to help churches deal with peacemaking.

In spite of the seemingly dim prospects for world peace, two denominational ethicists and a South Carolina pastor, urged the moral concerns agency to help Southern Baptists concentrate on peacemaking.

Bill Elder, director of Christian citizenship development for the Commission, said Southern Baptists must understand the biblical definition of peace. "Peace is clearly linked with a constellation of values which are revealed throughout the Bible," he said. "Peace is whatever happens that fulfills God's purpose for humanity. When we work for justice and liberty and righteousness we are working for peace."

Glen Stassen, associate professor of ethics at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary majored on the urgency of working for peace with justice, saying the current move toward ground-launched intercontinental ballistic missiles on the part of both Russia and the United States could lead to an uncontrolled arms race. "These new weapons are too small to be counted by spy satellites," he said.

The ethicist said Ronald Reagan's election as President still leaves room to hope and work for peace, despite fears to the contrary.

"During the campaign Ronald Reagan was worried about being labeled a warmonger and he changed his rhetoric and promised to do some things in support of peace," Stassen pointed out. "Reagan stopped talking about superiority and started talking about adequacy."

Stassen said that the President-elect can be influenced by individuals and groups committed to peace with justice. "Individual Christians and church groups should not just deplore the arms race, but should start being specific (with Reagan) about ways to achieve peace," he said.

David Matthews, pastor of First Baptist Church of Greenville, S.C., called on the Christian Life Commission to work aggressively to find new ways to develop helps for use by churches in educating Southern Baptists about peace and in leading them to work for peace. "Give us some simple, visible, viable programs of involvement in support of peace with justice," Matthews said.

Other suggestions for developing a Southern Baptist agenda for peace with justice call for the Commission to provide helps for churches on how to pray for peace and called for greater use of the Declaration of Human Rights approved at the Southern Baptist Convention in annual meeting in 1978.

(Fields writes for the Christian Life Commission.)

## Baptists Boost Aid To Italy; Will Feed 600 Through Winter

By Mary Jane Welch  
RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — An additional \$276,000 in Southern Baptist hunger relief funds was sent Dec. 18 to help 600 people of the Senerchia area of Italy survive until the next harvest.

The money was requested by the Italian Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Italy). It will supplement \$30,000 released earlier from hunger and general relief funds.

The request came following a survey trip by Southern Baptist missionaries Bob Holifield and Stanley Crabb into the area where seven million were affected by the Nov. 23 quake.

The \$276,000 will be used to feed 300 people in Senerchia and 300 in the surrounding area during the winter and spring months before the next harvest.

### No Utensils

At a cost of \$2.52 per person, Baptists will serve morning bread and coffee, and two other meals a day from their headquarters tent in Senerchia and from a mobile kitchen which will go to people who live too far away to walk there. Even cooking utensils are unavailable to people whose homes were destroyed, said John R. Cheyne, Foreign Mission Board relief ministries consultant, who spent two days in mid-December touring the quake region.

Because the area is populated almost entirely by older persons who depend on subsistence farming and money from relatives or pensions, he said, they will be unable to provide their own food until crops begin to come in next spring.

Cheyne met with Southern Baptist missionaries and representatives of the Baptist Evangelical Union of Italy and the Federation of Evangelicals, groups with whom missionaries have been cooperating in relief efforts in the Senerchia area.

They agreed Southern Baptists would feed area residents, freeing the other two groups' funds for rebuilding and other work. Already the Baptist Union has undertaken replacing a destroyed school and building a village of 40 prefabricated homes in San Gregorio, said Cheyne. The village will ultimately include a farming cooperative project.

Some of their own people were left homeless by the quake, but Italian Baptists have taken responsibility for manning the tent set up under Senerchia's only remaining light a few days after the quake.

Disaster relief funds from the Baptist World Alliance also have been sent

At the same time, the BWA issued a worldwide appeal for \$100,000, but Redlich said response was "very slow." By Dec. 18, \$15,000 had come to the BWA offices in Washington, D.C., of which \$5,000 was from Canada.

The funds will be sent to Italy "very soon," she added.

Persons wishing to contribute to the BWA fund are asked to send them to BWA, 1628 Sixteenth Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.



Southern Baptist missionary Bob Holifield, of Mississippi, (center) discusses relief operations in Senerchia, Italy, with (from left) two Swiss relief workers, a local Methodist minister and Italian Baptist minister Bruno Colombu. A few days after an earthquake destroyed much of the village, evangelicals set up the tent under the village's only remaining electric light and began offering food, warmth and counseling to quake victims. (BP) Photo By John R. Cheyne.

## 'God's House Should Be Attractive, Comfortable'

By Tim Nicholas  
Dennis Conniff would sum up his philosophy of church architecture in terms of people. "We need to provide adequate space for every one in Sunday School so we can teach them what the Bible says about how we conduct our lives."

He adds, "God's house should be an attractive place to worship and while there to be comfortable."

Conniff just retired from 17 years, eight months on the staff of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. He only spent the last six as church architecture consultant, but for a time he did the equivalent work while assigned to something else.

Coming to Mississippi Baptists from Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., where he was minister of education, Conniff was assigned to youth education in the Sunday School department. After two years, he moved into adult education, but continued helping churches with architectural

sultative post when Earl Kelly became executive secretary to the Convention Board in 1975 and began reorganization of the staff.

Not a licensed architect, Conniff has designed many church plans. Each church receives individualized plans. "I've had to spend a lot of time studying." And he has an open door to good engineers such as Jim Storey, a mechanical engineer; Brad Carter, structural engineer; and Warren McClusky, church architectural specialist.

He mentions these names, noting that these men have given "untold thousands" in free counsel to churches. Conniff's earliest interest in church architecture came from his friendship with Hardy Bass, architect for the Sunday School Board's Church Architecture department. Conniff began his consulting while on the staff of the Alabama Convention in the 50's.

Conniff says his office would rather discuss facilities, like Trinity Baptist Church, Vicksburg, invited him to do. But his office, now manned (Continued on page 2)

## FMB Appoints Three Mississippi Couples

Three Mississippi couples, C.E. and Laura Blevins, Ronnie and Beth Parker, and Robert and Beverly Thomas, were among 36 persons named missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board Dec. 9 at First Baptist Church, Waynesboro, Va.

### The Blevinses

As missionary associates, the Blevinses will work in Zambia, where he will be an English-language pastor and she will be a church and home worker. He is art specialist in the Chattanooga (Tenn.) Public Schools and pastor of High Point Baptist Church, Ooltewah, Tenn.

Born in Robbins, Tenn., Blevins served in the U.S. Navy and received the bachelor of arts degree from George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville; master of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary; and the master of arts degree from University of Southern Mississippi.

Blevins has been in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee. He was also an English teacher at Clarke College, Newton; chairman of the English department at Tennessee Temple College, Chattanooga; and dean of McKenzie College, Chattanooga.

Mrs. Blevins is the former Laura Johnson of Guild, Tenn. She received the bachelor of arts degree from George Peabody College and attended University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. She and her husband have five grown children.

### The Parkers

The Parkers will work in Equatorial Brazil, where he will be a music consultant and she will be a church and home worker. He is minister of music at First Baptist Church, Summit, Miss., and until recently was a student at New Orleans Seminary.

Born in Hattiesburg, Miss., Parker also lived in Long Beach, Gulfport and Biloxi, Miss., and Huntsville, Ala.,

while growing up. He received the bachelor of music and the master of music degrees from William Carey College, and attended Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

Mrs. Parker, the former Beth Colletti, was born in New Orleans, but also lived in Hattiesburg and Biloxi and in Mims, Fla., while growing up. She attended Brevard Community College, Cocoa, Fla., and received the bachelor of music and master of music degrees from William Carey College.

The Parkers have two daughters: Sharon Renee, born in 1975, and Alicia Kaye, 1977.

### The Thomases

The Thomases will work in Yemen, where he will be a nurse and she will be a church and home worker. They have been students at New Orleans Theological Seminary, while he was a nurse at Veterans Administration Hospital, New Orleans. They are members of First Baptist Church, New Orleans. Until recently, he was a nurse at Veterans Administration Hospital, Memphis.

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The Thomases



The Parkers

## Carter Signs Act Restoring Missionary Tax Exclusion

WASHINGTON (BP) — President Carter signed into law Dec. 24 a bill restoring an income tax exclusion for missionaries and other charitable workers.

The signing followed months of efforts by the Southern Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission Board and other organizations with charitable workers overseas to convince Congress to restore the \$20,000 tax exclusion which had been in effect prior to passage of the Foreign Earned Income Act of 1978.

Congress completed action on the measure just two days before a twice extended deadline granted by the Internal Revenue Service for payment of 1979 taxes. The tax exclusion cleared Congress as an amendment to H.R. 1368, a bill dealing with real estate investment.

The new law will save the Foreign Mission Board about \$1 million annually. Estimates of savings for all charitable organizations range as high as \$25 million annually.



The Blevinses



## 'God's House' Should Be Attractive, Comfortable

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by Neron Smith, will enter at any phase.

Smith, the new church architecture consultant, was Conniff's choice for a replacement. Smith came to the board from First Baptist Church, Natchez, where he was minister of education.

That church is dear to the heart of Dennis Conniff. It's the "Cadillac" of multi-purpose church buildings. When the church is not in worship services, the pews are stacked away and the sanctuary can become a recreation center. The membership and pastor, Odean Puckett, attest to the sanctuary's beauty and utility.

Conniff designed it. His interest is multi-purpose buildings came back in 1975 when he heard about Sharpstown Baptist Church, Houston, Tex. He met the architect and later studied the building and others like it.

Now Neron Smith is working with six churches building multi-purpose facilities on a smaller scale than the Natchez church.

Conniff spent a lot of his time, he says, talking churches out of building family life centers. "Too many churches with only one or two staffers are getting into these," he says. Lay leadership cannot administer them and Conniff says many are unsafe—such as making floors out of concrete. Also "the cost of maintaining them is far beyond the reach" of most smaller churches. "In Mississippi we have weather that will permit youths to play basketball outdoors most of the time," adds Conniff.

However, the Convention Board's Church Architecture office is willing to consult with churches which wish to build family life centers, just as it is willing to consult on any other church facility-related project—from parking lots to acoustics.

Conniff predicts that in the next few years, besides having to deal more with energy savings, churches will have to begin to build stronger buildings, and "not wood products," he

says, "except for trusses and decking." He forswears more masonry used and with epoxy-based paint to seal the blocks.

He also suggests churches watch their indebtedness. He suggests churches stay within three times their annual income to determine indebtedness for building programs. "They can't maintain mission giving and the church program" with higher mortgages than that, says Conniff.

Conniff's plan now is to spend more time with his wife, Mildred, and with his Conniff Railroadiana Collection, a railroad photographic service.

He also has had offers to work with an architect and a building supply company, and two churches approached him about doing interim minister of education work.

At the end of the year there were 39 churches in the active files of the Church Architecture office, and which Conniff has now passed on to Neron Smith, his successor. "I have had as many as 79," says Conniff.

Much of the work now is in helping churches correct mistakes made in buildings. One church, Conniff said, had been designed by a secular architect and had Sunday School grades 1-6 meeting in the same room. The church called him to help change that. "We deal with people first, then buildings," says Conniff.

## James Gilbert Recovers from Heart Surgery

James P. Gilbert, missionary to Ecuador, underwent by-pass surgery just before Christmas at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center. He is reported to be doing well and is staying at the home of his brother, J. T. Gilbert, in Jackson.

Gilbert is a native of Marion County, Mississippi. During his last furlough he served as missionary-in-residence for the Department of Stewardship and Cooperative Program Promotion of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

He and his wife, the former Dorothy Jean Smith of Memphis, were appointed as foreign missionaries in 1957.

Conniff said he gave some pointers on how to run a newspaper. "The avid young journalist student asked the publisher, 'You came to the wrong person,' the publisher said. 'Ask one of my subscribers.'"

## Foundation Earnings Up, Double Inflation

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Income produced by the Southern Baptist Foundation in 1980 increased 27.8 percent over the previous year, more than double the rate of inflation.

Trustees of the Foundation, which manages reserves and endowments of Southern Baptist Convention agencies and institutions, learned at their annual meeting in Nashville that income produced from Foundation assets was a record \$2,216,535, up approximately a half million dollars over 1979.

Foundation assets increased \$3,653,067 from reinvested income and from money turned over to them for management. That 15.6 percent addition marked the single most productive year in Foundation history.

At year end, Foundation assets totaled \$27,014,237, an all-time high. Executive Secretary-Treasurer Hollis Johnson III indicated after the meeting that high interest rates, the increase in assets and active management of short-term securities led to the substantial gains.

He says due to capital withdrawals by agencies for specific needs, a similar growth record in 1981 would be difficult to achieve, although investment possibilities will likely be more attractive than in 1980 due to increased economic activity.

Trustees re-elected Nashville businessman William E. Crook as president and recognized administrative assistant Christine M. Bess for 30 years service with the Foundation.

## FMB Invites Mississippians To Consider Joint Project

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Closing its first year under a new administration, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board named 36 missionaries in December and made three appointments under its reorganization plan.

The 29 new career missionaries, six missionary associates, and one special project nurse brought the year's total to 332, the same number added last year. Both figures are off the record 350 named in 1978.

The actions came at the board's final meeting of 1980, the first year under the leadership of President R. Keith Parks. Major reorganization of the board staff has occurred during the year, and three more positions were filled in December.

Joe W. Bruce, missionary to Honduras, was named associate to the director for Middle America and the Caribbean. He will headquarter in Guatemala City; Norman Burnes, a missionary to France, was chosen as candidate.

states; and Wendy Puckett, a former missionary journeyman to Zimbabwe, will be coordinator of auxiliary personnel with responsibility for screen-



Mildred and Dennis Conniff

## Workers Build 'NEST' For Renewal In Cities

NEW YORK — Eighteen Southern Baptist lay renewal leaders took their time and skills to the Bronx to stimulate urban redevelopment.

The laymen were participants in NEST, a Southern Baptist Home Mission Board strategy aimed at physical and spiritual renewal in urban areas.

NEST (National Evangelistic Support Team) uses skilled workers to perform physical restoration in deteriorated urban areas, according to Reid Hardin, HMB evangelism support director.

NEST's goal is to involve local church laity in the restoration process, while at the same time to develop relationships with laity for the purpose of discipleship. It's a combination of personal growth — through Bible study and prayer — and service, said Hardin.

Hardin chose the Bronx because of deteriorating living conditions and a shortage of lay workers within the churches to meet community needs.

The lay leaders spent three days touring the Bronx, meeting people and assessing needs. "After first surveying the area, the workers reacted with frustration: 'Why did you bring me here? I can't do anything about it,'" Hardin said. "But by Friday, the response was one of celebration. 'I can do something.' The team itself experienced renewal."

Their goal was to establish at least two or three contacts among laity of a dozen churches. Hardin feels they were successful in securing four, with the possibility of several more. These contacts are to begin consultation with local church leadership and the HMB, which Hardin hopes will lead to lay renewal weekends in the churches.

With a continued concentration of lay training, he also believes the Bronx

renewal programs will serve as models to other urban areas.

"It was the turning point for the decade of the 80's," Hardin explained, "the beginning of a street ministry working with people, not for them."

For information regarding similar opportunities, contact the Department of Evangelism Support, Baptist Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring St., NW, Atlanta, GA 30367.

## NOBTS Purchases Property

By Oscar Hoffmeyer Jr.

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—A sales contract has been signed by New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary officials for the purchase of property adjacent to the campus which includes 6.5 acres and a two-story building.

Landrum Leavell, seminary president, said purchase price is \$3.3 million.

Funds for the purchase are from the Southern Baptist Convention's capital allocation and seminary campaign funds.

The building, which has 119,000 square feet of space, will contain a student center, faculty offices and large classrooms following renovation.

The building, known as the Maison Blanche Building, now is occupied on the first floor by the Gaylords Department Store.

Leavell said funds were allocated for a student center on campus during the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis.

Gaylords has a lease for the first floor which expires March 1986.

Leavell said income from the lease, approximately \$11,500 per month, will come to the seminary when the owners can make satisfactory transfer arrangements with the current owners of the lease.

The upper floor will be remodeled following closing of the sale in February 1981. Use of the upper floor will begin in the fall of 1981, Leavell said.

"We were planning to build a much needed student center on campus which would have cost approximately \$3.3 million with only 39,000 square feet of floor space," according to Clay Corbin, vice president for New Orleans Seminary business affairs. "This property will give us three times the space and includes a paved parking lot for approximately 600 vehicles."

Oscar Hoffmeyer Jr. is associate editor of Baptist Message of Louisiana.

Make yourself an honest man and then you may be sure there is one less rascal in the world. — Thomas Carlyle

## Seminary Enrollment Continues To Rise

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—1980 fall enrollment at Southern Baptist theological seminaries in all degree and non-degree programs rose 4.8 percent, or 445 students, to 9,695.

Growth in degree granting programs, as reported by the seminaries to the Association of Theological Schools, rose 9.6 percent to 9,033.

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary showed the largest percentage increase in a comparison of enrollment figures produced by the seminaries. Its enrollment increased 8.5 percent to 1,348 students in all programs. That includes 1,017 students in graduate programs and 331 in associate and non-degree programs.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., rebounded from two years of decreasing enrollment and showed the largest numerical increase of 129. That brought its total enrollment to 2,299, including 1,874 in graduate degree programs and 425 in Boyce Bible School, diploma and non-credit courses.

Marvin Taylor, statistician for ATS, said 194 reporting seminaries in the United States and Canada showed a growth rate of 2.4 percent. Enrollment at Southern Baptist seminaries accounted for 18.2 percent of the 49,611 students counted by ATS. In 1979 SBC seminaries accounted for 18 percent of the total.

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, continues to be the largest seminary in the United States, and likely the world, with enrollment of 3,684, including 147 diploma students, an increase of 3.4 percent over 1979.

ATS does not gather statistics worldwide, but Taylor believes the largest five seminaries in the United States—four of which are Southern Baptist—are also the largest in the world. Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., is second. The average seminary enrollment in the U.S. is 255.

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., increased 5.8 percent to 590 students which includes 132 in non-degree, diploma or continuing education training.

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., increased 2.6 percent to 1,246 students, including 151 in non-graduate degree courses.

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo., increased five percent to 528, including 90 in non-graduate degree work.

Females accounted for 1,624, or 16.8 percent of the total enrollment in the Southern Baptist seminaries, a decrease of 36 from last year. Women account for 21.8 percent of seminary enrollment overall, up 7 percent from 1979, according to ATS figures. That compares to just 10.2 percent in 1972.

The educational outreach of Southern Baptist seminaries is more than doubled through their cooperative

Seminary Extension Department in Nashville. In the 1979-80 school year, it coordinated diploma course work for 10,554 students in home study and in 397 centers in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Cuba, England, Mexico and West Germany.

Home study students during 1979-80 lived in 46 states and Washington, D.C., plus 15 foreign countries. They signed up for 15,919 courses. Seminary Extension enrollment is compiled separately from enrollments in the six theological seminaries.

## McDonough Named To Exec Committee

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Reginald (Reggie) McDonough, 44, has been elected associate executive secretary and director of program planning for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

McDonough, who has been head of the church administration department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, also in Nashville, will succeed Albert McClellan, who retires Dec. 31 after more than 31 years with the Executive Committee.

Part of McDonough's responsibilities will be to assist in the preparation of the annual budget for the Southern Baptist Convention, which is done through a process which starts in January and culminates with official adoption at the annual meeting of the 13.6 million-member denomination.

McDonough, a native of Mount Vernon, Texas, is a graduate of East Texas Baptist College and received masters and doctors degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

He has been with the Sunday School Board since 1964, serving as a consultant, supervisor and director of the church administration department.

## Sam Turner's Parents Die

Both of the parents of Sam Turner, missionary to Kenya, died shortly before Christmas. Turner is a native of Arkansas, and his parents lived there until their deaths.

The mother died first, and the father passed about a week later, Turner told the Baptist Record during a visit to the Baptist Building in Jackson during his emergency leave.

Immediately before being reappointed as a missionary to Kenya, Turner was director of missions for the Gulf Coast Association in Mississippi.

El Coco, Honduras—Southern Baptist missionaries in Honduras have begun a pilot project in community development in the small rural village of El Coco. Phase one of the project, a nutritional survey, has been completed, and will be used in planning health care for the village.

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# Bailey Smith Joins Jews In Abhorring Anti-Semitism

By Jim Newton  
NEW YORK (BP) — Expressing deep regret for any hurt to the Jewish community because of his statements concerning Jews, Southern Baptist Convention President Bailey Smith joined national Jewish leaders in a joint statement abhorring, condemning and rejecting anti-Semitism.

Smith, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church of Del City, Okla., read a joint statement following a three-and-a-half-hour meeting Dec. 18 with six other Southern Baptists and seven officials of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, a national organization of Jewish laymen.

Smith asked for a meeting with ADL national director Nathan Perlmutter in the wake of controversy over Smith's widely reported comments that God does not hear the prayers of Jews and that Jews have funny looking noses.

The statement, issued after a closed door meeting held under tight security at the B'nai B'rith headquarters across the street from the United Nations Building, said:

"The parties agreed that they abhor, condemn and reject anti-Semitism because it violates their respective deeply held religious beliefs;

"Second, both reaffirmed their commitment to their basic theological beliefs without rancor or rejection of each other; and

"Third, both groups have been the victims of religious persecution and even to this day suffer persecution in

the Soviet Union and other parts of the world."

The statement concluded: "For the above reasons, they (participants) agreed to establish a joint working relationship in which Baptists and Jews will explore and plan improved methods of communication."

It specifically cited plans for conferences, seminars, academic interchanges, preparation of joint materials and "other means for each community to learn more about the other."

The president of the 13.6 million-member denomination also refused to back down from his previous position. The statement made plain Smith "has distinctive theological beliefs he cannot compromise," but added the Southern Baptist "stands with the Jewish community for total religious liberty" and "for an American pluralistic society."

In the written statement, Smith expressed "deep regret for any hurt to the Jewish community," and said if he had it to do over again, "knowing how it would be misinterpreted," he would not have made the statements.

After reading the statement, which described the meeting as "open and friendly," Smith told reporters he had never met with nicer people in his life. However, he refused to answer questions from the 15 to 20 representatives of the national and New York news media.

After Smith declined to answer questions, reporters asked Perlmutter if he considered Smith's earlier remarks anti-Semitic.

"I am satisfied that pastor Smith had no anti-Semitic intent," Perlmutter said. "But I am not satisfied with his beliefs and he is not satisfied with mine either. That's what makes him a Baptist and me a Jew."

In a telephone interview with Baptist Press, Smith said the meeting was "just perfect... they are my friends and they know I love them."

He added he has been invited to the home of one of the participants, Mark Briskman, regional representative of ADL in Dallas, to observe Passover and "both my wife and I plan to go." He said he also discussed the possibility of making a joint trip to Israel with

ADL representatives, but made no decision.

Smith, who was elected president of the SBC in June, made national news in mid-September when reporters were given transcripts of a sermon he preached Aug. 22 at the National Affairs Briefing, a conservative religious-political gathering in Dallas.

In that sermon, Smith said "God Almighty does not hear the prayer of a Jew," and commented: "How can God hear the prayer of a man who says that Jesus Christ is not the true messiah? It is blasphemous."

He made national headlines again in mid-November when a tape recording of a sermon he preached Aug. 31 surfaced. In that sermon, on "God's Special People and Special Places," Smith quipped from his pulpit: "Why did he (God) choose the Jews? I don't know why he chose the Jews. I think they've got funny looking noses myself."

Smith said he was making an insight joke with a Jewish friend in the remark, but in the furor which erupted, Smith wrote a letter to Perlmutter, suggesting a dialogue session.

Smith said at the time his intent was to "convince Jewish people that I love them."

Baptist participants, in addition to Smith and Glenn Igleheart, director of the Home Mission Board's Interfaith Witness department, included Russ Bush, professor of the philosophy of religion at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; John Silvey, pastor of Mountain View Baptist Church near Logan, Okla., and a converted Jew and pro-Israel activist; Jim Lee, an Oklahoma City attorney and a deacon at the Del City church, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Lee.

Jewish participants, in addition to Perlmutter, were Theodore Freedman, national program director; Abraham H. Foxman, associate national director; Maxwell E. Greenberg, national chairman of ADL; Rabbi Ronald B. Sobel, chairman of the National program committee, all of New York City, and Mark Briskman, director of the Northwest Texas-Oklahoma office of ADL.

(Newton is HMB News director.)



## MasterLife Workshops Are Scheduled

Avery Willis, the developer of MasterLife, will conduct four MasterLife Interpretation Conferences in Mississippi, January 26-28.

Conferences will be held on January 26 at 7 p.m. at First Church, Hattiesburg; January 27 at 10:00 a.m. at Oak Forest Church, Jackson; January 27 at 7 p.m. at First Church, Oxford; and on January 28 at 10 a.m. at First Church, Winona.

MasterLife is a group-discipling process intended to enable one to make Christ Master and to master life through practicing the basic disciplines of Christianity.

MasterLife Workshops are scheduled in 1981 at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center. Registrations are limited. They are led by Willis.

Willis is currently on the staff of the Church Training department of the Sunday School Board. The principles of MasterLife were developed while he served as a missionary of Indonesia and were later field tested in churches in Oklahoma.

## Conference Will Address Needs Of Single Adults

A conference that will address the various needs of single adults is currently in the planning stages in Hattiesburg. The conference, to be called "Whole One," is a joint venture of several Hattiesburg churches and William Carey College. It is scheduled for Jan. 22-23.

The major part of the conference will be evening sessions especially for singles. The sessions will begin with supper, to be followed by seminars concerning the needs of singles.

Seminar topics will include such things as single parenting, vocational guidance, self-esteem, the practicalities of single life, the single's involvement in church activities, and interpersonal relationships. In addition, specialists in banking, real estate, insurance and law will be on hand to provide insight into their particular areas.

On Friday afternoon of the conference, church staff members and lay workers with single adults will be invited to a conference which focuses on ways churches can help meet the needs of singles.

## Notice: Keyboard Festival Change

The Keyboard Festival scheduled for First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, on Friday, January 30, 1981, has been cancelled.

Three other festivals are suggested for those participants planning to attend the Hattiesburg location: First Baptist Church, Laurel or East McComb Baptist, McComb, on Thursday, 6:30 p.m., January 29, or First Baptist Church, Gulfport, Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

If participants have already mailed registrations to the Church Music Department for the Hattiesburg festival, they will be personally contacted.

Corte Madera, Calif. (BP) — Paul Winston Turner, 57, a former Tennessee pastor and professor at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, was found dead in his home Dec. 18 of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. Turner, whose body was discovered by his wife, Jane, had been a professor of ministry and director of professional training at Golden Gate Seminary for seven years until he resigned Feb. 8, 1980, reportedly to concentrate on other areas of ministry.

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## Churches' Long Range Planning Meet Is Set

A seminar on long range planning for churches is set for Feb. 23-25 in Jackson at the Baptist Building.

Seminar leaders include Truman Brown, pastoral ministries consultant at the Sunday School Board in Nashville, and Carl Savell, pastor of Woodville Heights Baptist Church, Jackson. Leon Emery, director of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries department, will be seminar director.

Highlights of the seminar include "Principles of Effective Planning," "Identifying Church and Community Growth Opportunities," and "How to Put Plans into Actions."

The seminar begins at 2 p.m., Feb. 23, and concludes at noon on the 25th. Cost is \$35 for the first person from each church, and \$17.50 for each additional person (provided the others do not desire a workbook).

Pre-registration is necessary and the cut-off date is Feb. 10. A refund will be made to those who notify of cancellation by Feb. 9.

Write, making checks payable to Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205. For further information, phone Leon Emery at 968-3908.

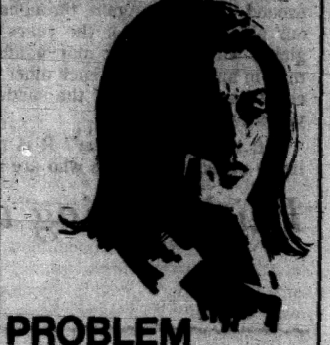
The following speakers will participate: Ed Seabough, minister to singles at South Main Street Church, Houston, Tex.; Ann Alexander Smith, consultant for single adults with the Sunday School Board; Marjorie Kelly, wife of Mississippi Baptist Convention executive secretary Earl Kelly; Clark Hensley, chairman of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Christian Action Commission; Evelyn McClure, chairman of the Home Economics Department at Carey; Rebecca Thompson, vice-president for Student Affairs at Carey; David Roddy, minister of education at First Church, Jackson; and Ferris Jordan, professor at New Orleans Seminary.

Men show their character in nothing more clearly than by what they think laughable. — Goethe

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## For Evangelism/ Bible Conference: Hattiesburg Hotels

The Mississippi Baptist Evangelism/Bible Conference will be held at First Church, Hattiesburg, Feb. 2-4. For those who plan to attend, a list of Hattiesburg motels is furnished here, with room prices for one, two, or three persons.

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## Young Adult Leaders To Hear Wood

Britton Wood, minister with adults at Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, will be the guest leader for a Young Adult Sunday School Leadership Workshop at First Baptist Church, Jackson, Feb. 6, 1981.

Wood, who for nearly nine years served as the single adult minister at Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., was one of the first persons in full time ministry with single adults.

Wood serves as adjunct professor in adult education at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. He has written several articles in religious periodicals and theological journals. He has contributed to the book *It's Ok to Be Single* and wrote, *Single Adults Want to Be the Church, Too*.

This conference begins with a banquet at 6 p.m. Following the banquet Wood will conduct an informal setting a conference for young adults in Sunday school, married, single, and students.

## Mt. Rainier Baptist Chapel Was Ready For Winter

By Mary Knox  
GRAHAM, Wash. (BP) — Let the rain fall; Mt. Rainier Baptist Chapel is ready for winter's onslaught.

A short time ago, supplies for the chapel's new steel-and-wood building lay on the ground, exposed to the elements. The tiny, pastorless congregation lacked the manpower to build the building, and the upcoming rainy season threatened to destroy all supplies.

But state Baptist newspapers, including the *Baptist Record*, reported the chapel's plight, and concerned Baptists from throughout the country came to the rescue, said Bill Young, building project coordinator and former pastor.

"We've got the steel in the air and two-thirds of the roof on," said Young, who had to resign as pastor and building contractor because of health problems.

"We've already started getting some rain, but I believe we will be able to get the building closed in before the weather gets too wet," he added.

Support that saved the building from ruin came as financial gifts and volun-

teer labor, he said.

A woman in Mississippi sent \$2,500 to hire a carpenter to help with construction, and a family in Spokane, Wash., sent \$200. A man from California and a man from Texas volunteered to work on the building, and men from three churches in Puget Sound donated their Saturdays building.

Not only has the Aid saved the chapel building, but it also has strengthened the congregation, Young emphasized. "This was the shot in the arm we needed to make our people up here dig in," he said. When they realized they were being lifted up by a national chain of prayer and support, they got more excited about the work of this chapel."

Attendance at Sunday morning worship service has increased from an average of about 40 persons to more than 60. Young said people are increasing pledges to the building fund, too.

Women from the chapel and sponsoring First Baptist Church of Parkland, Wash., are having garage sales and a home crafts bazaar. The men are planning a fish fry, and some kids are gathering recyclable materials — all to raise money for the chapel.

## Med Center Begins Residency Program In Pastoral Education

As part of its education series, the Department of Pastoral Services at the University of Mississippi Medical Center has initiated a one-year residency program in clinical pastoral education.

The program, the only one of its kind in a general hospital in Mississippi, was developed to offer education and service opportunities in pastoral care. "The program is designed for those just out of seminary who want supervised training in pastoral care in a hospital setting before going into the ministry," explains James L. Travis, UMC director of pastoral services. "For others, the program offers mid-career and continuing education opportunities. These residents will provide service to University patients through the pastoral care they will provide."

The first four students, who enrolled were Wilson Brent, Ruth Black, Tommy Lee Leach and Hubie J. Nelson.

"Residents come to the Medical Center with basic theological work behind them and will be able to develop their own individual skills," says Travis.

"In a hospital setting, the pastor is able to help the patient identify resources in order to deal with crisis," says Travis. "These personal re-

sources must be taken into account in trying to help people cope in times of illness and grief.

"Nurses, doctors, respiratory therapists and other health professionals all have specific responsibilities in caring for patients," he says. "The pastor's role in a hospital setting is more difficult to define. Sometimes it's just a matter of taking time to sit and talk with a patient."

The students will receive intensive instruction and supervised training and experience in working with individuals and families facing crisis. The residents will work with patients in a variety of situations throughout their year-long residency. Toward the end of the program they will be able to choose one special area of pastoral care to focus on.

Pastoral service residents will rotate assignment areas working with patients, families and staff on University's patient floors and in critical care areas such as the emergency room. Coordinating the program along with Travis is Chaplain Donald Dismore, associate director of the UMC pastoral services department.

The department also offers short-term pastoral education programs for clergy and seminarians of all faiths. All programs are developed according to guidelines of the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education.



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## Editorials

### Happy (?) New Year . . .

## Christians know source of happiness

In many ways, perhaps, 1980 was the saddest year in the history of our nation. It very well could have been such without qualification except for war years.

Indeed, retrospection seems to indicate that the succeeding years are becoming more problem filled than peaceful. Our nation, our cities, and our families do not seem to be able to grapple with the problems that beset them. In addition, our hostages are still captives, inflation is out of control, alcohol and drugs are overwhelming us, and we are losing the battle with the forces of evil for the allegiance of mankind.

Last year was a tumultuous one around the world. Again, throughout our planet, except for the years of global warfare pitting man against man in an effort to kill each other, it could have been one of the saddest years ever.

Will 1981 be any better? It is not likely unless those of us who are re-

sponsible for spreading the Good News of the Prince of Peace somehow find a way of becoming more effective in what we are doing.

There is no question as to the remedy for the problems of the world. The Lord God created the world and all of the universe of which it is a part; and harmony in life cannot be expected without a proper relationship with the Lord of creation and the sustaining force of life.

There is no question but that there is an evil one involved in life whose aim it is to destroy any semblance of a proper relationship with the Lord. Why this is the case is hard to understand, but to say that such a one does not exist or to try to ignore his existence will not cause him to go away.

Therefore we who have submitted ourselves to the Lordship of Christ, and thus have found ourselves to have become equipped with the knowledge that would show the way to peace in the world, are facing 1981 with a monumental task. Surely we must do better

in 1981 than we did in 1980 in carrying out our Lord's Great Commission. We have the truth that all men yearn for. They may not realize what it is that will bring the peace they seek; but we know, and we can tell them.

Surely, as long as there is life until the end of time there will be pain and sadness. The Lord of life provides the mercy and grace with which to deal with the pain and sadness that are sure to come. This is the peace for which the world is searching. Let us spread the word.

Those who would ask that prayers be required of school children are aware of the truth and want to see it spread. They are to be commended for this interest. The problem is that we cannot ask the government in a pluralistic society such as the United States to require something to be done that we should be doing ourselves through other means.

We start every year with resolves to do better in every area of life. Some how it seems we always come to the

end of the year realizing that we have not done as well as we had intended.

One day is about the same as the day before, and one year is about the same as the year before. What would make the days and years different would be for us to be more effective in our endeavors. For Christians, the primary endeavor is spreading the Good News of salvation from the bondage of sin and the Good News of the mercy and grace available to those who believe.

May it truly be a good year for all of us in Mississippi Baptist life. It can be. The Lord will lead us.

For this new year we at the Baptist Record pledge that we will seek to find ways of doing a better job in our single task of supporting those who are telling the story of the birth, death, and resurrection of the Lord Christ and of the fact that His death was a substitutionary sacrifice to redeem from the penalty of sin all those who will accept in faith that sacrifice.

### Faith seeking understanding . . .

## The meaning of faith

A 13-week series on Baptist doctrines is beginning with this issue. The series will be entitled, "Faith Seeking Understanding"; and it was prepared by Frank Stagg, who though "retired" is serving as senior professor of New Testament interpretation at Southern Seminary. Before going to Southern he was at New Orleans Seminary, and his retirement home is at Diamond Head on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The series first served as the lessons for a quarter of 1984 for Church Training shortly after the Southern Baptist Convention had adopted the Statement of Baptist Faith and Message at the 1963 convention in Kansas City.

Dr. Stagg asked that such a title as "What Baptists Believe" be avoided because it speaks for another. We agree, and we express our appreciation to Dr. Stagg for allowing us to use the series.—Editor

#### By Frank Stagg

Every Baptist knows that no one can actually speak for all Baptists or for any one Baptist. This will not be forgotten, and we consider the theme,

"Faith Seeking Understanding," as a theme that has never bound themselves to any creedal statement. As late as May, 1963, the Southern Baptist Convention declared that its newly adopted statement of "Baptist Faith and Message" was not to be considered binding. Any "confession of faith" by Baptists is admittedly incomplete and tentative, at best the consensus of a given group at a given time. Baptists are agreed, however, that the Bible should be basic for their beliefs.

#### Faith is Personal

Faith is personal. It cannot be borrowed. Proxy or borrowed "faith" is a deception. Under God, with the Bible as basic and with the encouragement and help of fellow Christians, past and present, one must arrive at his personal faith through prayer, study, and struggle. Faith is alive; it grows. In a sense, it constantly must be renewed. One today needs to pray as did one of old, "I believe, help thou mine unbelief" (Mark 9:24).

#### Faith and Belief

Faith and belief are related but not identical. Faith is trust. It is openness to God, to receive what he offers and to yield what he demands. It is openness to the light of truth, to receive it as it is encountered. Belief is closely related to faith, and it includes one's understanding of that which one trusts and by which one lives.

Belief, ideally, is that which we esteem or love. There is a popular but erroneous teaching that "believe" originally meant to "live by," i.e., "by-live." Though attractive, this is not the etymology of the word. It comes from the same root as the word love, as may be seen in the German "lieben," to love, "Leave," "love," and "lie" all derive from the same root. One still hears the archaic but correct expression, "I would as lief go as not." To believe is to esteem or love.

Belief includes assent, but it is more. Belief includes reason, emotion, and will. Only a person can believe, for belief belongs to a believer. Belief does not belong to reason alone, nor to emotion, will, or any other aspect of selfhood. Belief belongs to a believer, and the believer believes through reason, emotion, will, and all that one is. Belief is constituted of rational, emotional, volitional, moral, spiritual, and other qualities. Ideally, belief is that to which one has been persuaded (rationally), that which one esteems or loves (emotionally), that to which one is committed (volitionally), and that by which one is conditioned (morally and spiritually).

#### Faith and Theology

Theology, and even indispensable function of faith, but it is not one and the same as faith. Theology is an attempt to verbalize one's faith. It can be helpful in understanding religious experience, but in its very nature theology is never fully adequate or final. Faith is like love, a reality seeking expression in words and otherwise, but words are never one and the same as

love or faith. One may say, "I love you" or "love is like . . .," but that is not the same as love itself. So it is with faith. Theologizing is proper as long as alive and growing, but when hardened into a creed it imprisons faith more than freeing it. In this series we will theologize, but one cannot really theologize for another. Even for one self, one cannot reduce faith to theology with finality, once-for-all.

#### Authority in Belief

Christian faith and belief must always find ultimate authority in God. To each person, God speaks directly. Persons are so related to one another, as well as to God, that God can speak to one person through other persons. (cf. Rom. 10:4-21). The Bible is the written word of God, and it is for us the authoritative and trustworthy word of God. It is authoritative in terms of its nature and purpose. It was not given for just any purpose. It is the story of what God has done and is doing for our salvation. Its purpose is to point one to Jesus Christ in whom is life eternal (John 20:30-31; II Tim. 3:15) and to give one instruction for righteous living (II Tim. 3:16f.).

#### The Whole Bible

The Bible must be studied in its wholeness, if it is to be understood. For the most part, the Bible is understandable to the average reader, but it is not understandable to the casual reader. It cannot be understood by random reading, dipping in here or there, snatching texts out of context. Each book must be studied in its life situation and in terms of its nature and pur-

pose. Themes or doctrines must be traced throughout the Bible and not derived from random or partial selections.

#### Threat of Tradition

Even for those who affirm the Bible as basic, tradition may displace the Bible in belief. This can happen to those who honestly intend to make the Bible basic. Sometimes we honestly accept as biblical what actually comes from tradition, ancient or recent. Much that it said about various doctrines is based on traceable, nonbiblical tradition. This will be demonstrated in studies to follow. Logic is often wedded to tradition, and belief is defended as biblical when it is not. Fortunately, we yet have the Bible by which to test our beliefs.

#### Threat of Bias

Possibly the most difficult problem in respect to belief is that of prejudice or bias. This may be conscious or not. All of us are so conditioned by tradition, family, or associates that we tend to read into the Bible much that is not there. One tends to see what already is in his/her own mind. It is like looking at a picture and then at a blank wall; one sees on the blank wall what one has just been looking at. To overcome pre-conditioning, one must deliberately discipline oneself. If we really want to make the Bible basic in our beliefs, we must be willing, however painful, to test every belief by the Bible. The truth never suffers by testing, though we may find it painful to put our beliefs to the test. With so much at stake, we cannot afford to do otherwise.

### Guest opinion . . .

## Marijuana, its uses and effects

#### By Melva Graham

According to Webster's Dictionary, "Marijuana," or "Pot," as it is commonly called, "is a type of wild tobacco—the dried leaves and flowering tops of the pistillate hemp plant that yield cannabin and are sometimes smoked in cigarettes for their intoxicating effect." Marijuana is also smoked in pipes and is often mixed with food and drinks. Marijuana has several nicknames, among them "grass," "pot," and "mary jane."

The use of marijuana can produce many reactions in the individual such as relaxation, freedom from daily cares, and may often cause him to giggle and laugh for no reason. If the user is already in a pleasant mood, the use of the drug may cause him to feel in an elevated mood; however, if the user is depressed or despondent, the use of the drug may cause him to feel more depressed.

According to the World Book Encyclopedia, "Marijuana can also cause a person to lose his sense of time and space. Minutes may seem like hours, and nearby objects may seem far away. The drug may reduce memory, judgment, and coordination. The use of marijuana may cause the user to have a hearty appetite, and it may tend to cause the individual to have an upset stomach. Some artists and musicians tend to think that the smoking of 'grass' causes them to do their work better; however, there is no scientific proof that this is true. Marijuana sometimes causes an individual to make hasty and unwise decisions.

Although regular use of marijuana does not cause addiction, or physical dependency on the use of the drug, the effects of marijuana may be strongly desired by that person.

Marijuana has long been used as a drug in China and in India. The Chinese have used marijuana as far back as in 2700 B.C. People in most parts of India have used it for plea-

sure, in ceremonies, in medicines, and as a profit-making enterprise. The drug is widely used today in most parts of the world. Marijuana was used by some Americans as early as the 1920's. The use of the drug in the United States, except for the purpose of research, was outlawed in 1937. Many people believe, though this has not been proven yet by research, that the use of marijuana leads to crime and violence. By the 1960's many young Americans of all social groups had begun smoking "pot." Most marijuana in the U.S. is smuggled in.

Drug smuggling into this country has reached great proportions. According to the March 14, 1977, issue of U.S. News & World Report, "Last year was a banner year. We seized 255.5 pounds of heroin; 1,160 pounds of cocaine; 7,367 pounds of hashish, and nearly 450 tons of marijuana." This authority estimates that the marijuana business alone in this country is a 5-billion-dollar industry.

Articles concerning the uses and effects of a weed called marijuana often appear in magazines and newspapers. This drug is usually mixed with tobacco and smoked in cigarettes and in pipes. The user develops an emotional, rather than a physical, addiction to the effects of the drug. The effects of using the drug are unpredictable since they vary with the individual smoker.

In my biology textbook, Modern Biology, it is stated that "Some users become violent and bring danger on themselves and others. Some are unable to judge distances and are hazards on the highways. Many marijuana addicts eventually turn to opiates and become physically dependent on narcotics."

Young people are usually introduced to marijuana by their so-called friends. Not all people who experiment with the drug are emotionally disturbed, but individuals who use large amounts every day are apt to be.

According to the Better Homes and

Gardens Family Medical Guide, "Immediate physical effects of marijuana include reddening of the eyes, increased heart rate, and cough due to irritating effects of the smoke."

Some users of marijuana falsely believe that they can think more clearly after smoking the drug. The user may withdraw into himself. As mentioned earlier in my essay, marijuana does not cause physical dependence; therefore, it is not addicting. Most marijuana smokers do not tend to go on to the use of heroin; however, a person who abuses the use of a drug because of so-called mood effects is more likely to have an emotional need to seek out other kinds of drugs and to try them over and over.

Through the necessary research for this essay and the gathering of my thoughts in the writing of this paper, I have reached the conclusion that although the use of marijuana itself is not addicting, the emotional effects are harmful to one's emotional health, and the use of the drug should therefore be avoided by young people and older people alike.

Believing that the smoking of marijuana, or the use of it in any form other than in medicines, is harmful to my emotional health and that the use thereof may lead on to more addicting drugs such as heroin, I resolve that I will never knowingly smoke "pot." When I reach the age to vote, I will ask any government legislation to limit and forbid its use and will use my Christian influence to warn my friends and acquaintances concerning the harmful effects of the drug.

The use of hallucinogenic drugs by young people in Mississippi is beginning to command more and more attention. "Paraphernalia" laws have been adopted by at least four Mississippi cities, and bills controlling the sale of drug paraphernalia have been pre-filed in the Legislature. Last year a number of high school students in Mississippi responded to the invitation

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### Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

## Kelley Cheeks

(August 23, 1970 - December 23, 1980)

Kelley died the day before Christmas Eve. Florence Larrimore told me when I came to work on the Monday before New Year's Day. How sad that she died at Christmas, I thought aloud. But Irene Lipscomb said, "I could think of no better way to celebrate Christmas than to be in heaven with Jesus."

Kelley was 10 years old. She was the niece of Evelyn Keyes, the Baptist Record editor's secretary. For ten years I have seen Kelley in pictures, of every major event and holiday in her life, for she came often to see Evelyn and her sister Peggy and their mother at 1705 Woodburn, Jackson, and they went often to Pascagoula to see her. They were always making toys like dolls or stuffed animals, or sewing pretty dresses to send to Kelley. A couple of years ago they took her to Disney World.

Evelyn made pictures of her when she was a baby, and then at birthday parties and Christmases and Easters and vacation times. I saw Kelley in person, too; as often as she could get anyone to bring her to the Baptist Building she would visit in our office. One day about two years ago she came and sat in one of my yellow chairs and smiled her sweet smile and posed like a professional model while I snapped her picture.

She didn't get to come to the Baptist Building, though, as often as she wished. Usually her trips to Jackson were filled with seeing doctors or going to a brace company for a fitting. Born with a muscular problem, she wore leg braces most of her life. Then a few years ago a body brace was added, too.

Doctors said when she was a baby that she would never walk. But one day she took one step on her own, unaided. "This was the first miracle in Kelley's life," Evelyn told me. "God helped her take that first step." Afterward she didn't walk perfectly, but she could get around.



Kelley Dianne Cheeks was born August 23, 1970 in Lufkin, Texas. Soon she moved to Mississippi. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Cheeks. At the time of her death she was a third grade student at Arlington Elementary School in Pascagoula. She died Dec. 23, 1980, at Singing River Hospital, Pascagoula. Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 26, at 11 a.m. at the chapel of O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home with James V. McWilliams, Jr., officiating. They buried her in her Christmas dress, the one that Granny, Peggy, and Evelyn had given her. Red was her favorite color.

She went to church and kindergarten and started to school at Calvary Baptist Church, Pascagoula, where Byron Mathis is pastor.

I've never seen an angel, but Kelley had the disposition that I imagine an angel would have. She had blonde hair like the pictures of angels on Christmas cards, and beautiful brown eyes.

Kelley was a happy child, bright and bubbly and friendly, loved by both children and adults. Her doctors and nurses came to the funeral home, to try to express how deeply they cared for her.

She was unselfish, like her Aunt Evelyn. She was patient, never, never complaining of the hardships she endured all her life. Though walking was difficult at best, and then later the weight of the body brace was added to that of the leg braces, and though it became steadily harder for her to breathe, she accepted her limitations and bore them silently. She found joy in little things like phone calls and chocolate milk and birthday parties, and having her picture made.

Because of her muscular disability, she could not use her hands properly, but she never stopped trying. Her quality of persistence would not let her give up. Though she missed many days at school because of illness or visits to doctors, she wanted to keep going to school. Even when she could no longer feed herself, she could dial the phone and she determinedly held a pencil, to list the things she wanted Santa Claus to bring.

Why? Why did a precious little girl have to suffer and to die? I don't know why, but I do believe that death will one day have an end, because Jesus conquered it.

Edith Schaeffer in her book Afflictions wrote: "Satan's long history of attempts to separate every living being from God (and to separate every person from his or her own body in some sort of agonizing tearing apart) is not going to succeed. Death does not kill the spirit, nor does it spoil the truth. These remain unscratched. And one day death itself will be finished, and we will be in our new bodies to see another face that day."

### Book Review

TOGETHER EACH DAY by Joan Winmill Brown and Bill Brown (Fleming H. Revell, 283 pp., \$9.95) This is a book of daily devotions for husbands and wives, one devotion for each day of a year. The book draws on Scripture, contemporary and classic Christian sources, and personal experiences of the authors. Bill Brown is president of World Wide Pictures and a member of the Billy Graham team. His wife is an actress and an anthologist.

### Letter To

### The Editor

### Income Tax Exclusion

Editor:

Okay, Baptists—Let's hear from you. For two years we've written our Congress asking for the missionary tax law, which was finally passed December 13.

This law will save Southern Baptist Foreign Missions at least a million dollars a year.

The first to introduce bills to accomplish this were Mississippi's Senator Thad Cochran and Congressman David Bowen. The rest of the Mississippi delegation was strong in support of this legislation.

Now, how about some notes of gratitude to those men and their staffs?

Let's show ourselves Christians by blessing those who have blessed us. Senators may be appointed at the Senate Office Building, and congressmen at the House of Representatives.

Joe McKeever  
FBC, Columbus, MS  
Member, Foreign Mission Board



# Cars to Clinics—Needs Met Through Christmas Offering

By Irma Duke

RICHMOND—What do subcompact cars, radio broadcasting equipment, and medical clinics have in common? According to the Foreign Mission Board, all provide a means of spreading the gospel in the 94 countries where Southern Baptist missionaries are assigned.

In many instances, these and other items relating to witness overseas are made possible through contributions to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

Take the cars as an example. One of the largest expenditures of Lottie Moon funds is for mission vehicles. The average mission car is a subcompact, but overseas it costs about \$10,000. And in some countries, such as Korea, a stiff tax is added to that. Korea's tax on cars is 100 percent of the car's cost.

Lottie Moon funds are also used for leading people to Christ through medical ministries. Last year, more than 50,000 persons were treated at the Baptist hospital and clinics in Paraguay. Medical technologist Jo Yates believes these patients came not only because the hospital staff practices good medicine but they came also "looking for Christian love."

She says their ministry's purpose is not just to give physical help but "primarily to serve those who need to know the Lord-Jesus Christ." Missionaries in Paraguay are requesting \$56,000 from the 1980 Lottie Moon offering to continue this ministry. The 1980 offering goal is \$45 million.

One purpose of Southern Baptist foreign missions is to spread the gospel through planting new churches. A significant part of the offering is used for helping with church building costs or for church loan funds.

In one area in Kenya, Baptists com-

pleted 10 or 12 churches last year and the cost of those churches averaged about \$600. Southern Baptist funds provide the metal for the roof and Kenyan Christians provide whatever siding they put on the building. From this year's offering, they are requesting \$8,000 for aid to churches.

Baptists in Venezuela have just reached into the last state of that country with the gospel. And they have opened the work in every state through radio contacts made possible through programs financed by Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds.

When a Venezuelan home missionary prepared to start work in a new state, his first stop was at Baptist Center, according to George Lozuk, director of mass communications for the Venezuelan Baptist Mission. There he found names of persons who had become Christians through the radio ministry and those who have expressed interest in the gospel.

Simeon Sirit was one of those radio contacts. He, like so many others, heard the gospel and then started a church because there was none in his area.

Recently Alexander Montero, a pastor in Barquisimeto, asked missionary C. R. (Buck) Smith for some more names of people who have expressed an interest or who have become Christians through the radio programs. "I have already baptized the last persons whose names you gave me," the pastor said. "They are already members of our church."

These radio programs that are relaying the gospel throughout Venezuela and into other countries are produced in a building purchased with the offering. Each year additional Lottie Moon funds pay operating expenses and provide for new equipment. From the 1980 fund, \$26,500 was re-

quested for radio and other mass-communications work in Venezuela.

Southern Baptist missionaries in Thailand are also involved in mass-communications. More than 200,000 people viewed 300 Baptist films in that country last year. Of those viewers, 93 dedicated their lives to Christian service. Another 470 persons became believers.

Missionary Don Phlegar, Mississippian, says for each \$10 received through the offering, his unit can produce another minute of film. Missionaries in Thailand requested more than \$22,000 from 1980 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds for audiovisuals and other mass-communications projects.

Combined with other needs in the 94 countries where Southern Baptist missionaries serve, these financial requests escalate. But as Southern Baptists continue to give sacrificially through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and through the Cooperative Program, the most crucial needs are being met.

## Gifts To World Hunger Reach High

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Southern Baptist giving to world hunger and relief through the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board reached an all-time high of \$5,220,182 by the end of November.

Giving surpassed the record of \$3,088,104 set in 1979 and may exceed \$5.5 million by the end of the year, said John R. Cheyne, the Foreign Mission Board's consultant for relief ministries.

Through Dec. 1, appropriations amounted to \$2,225,548.

"There is no way we could have anticipated the fantastic increase in designated giving on the part of Southern Baptists," Cheyne said, adding that the board bases most of the long range relief program on the previous year's receipts. The 1980 program was based on 1979 receipts of about \$3 million.

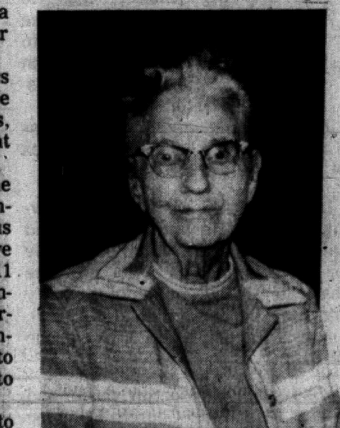
Live so that when men unearth your footprints on the sands of time, they won't find a heel.

## First, Wiggins' Pastor Emeritus Married 70 Years



OTIE LOU BOYANTON and NEEDHAM JACKSON LEE were married at the bride's home in Jeff Davis County, Miss., Jan. 8, 1911. To celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary, friends and relatives of the retired pastor and his wife are invited to a reception in their honor on Sunday, Jan. 11, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church, Wiggins.

N. J. Lee, age 91, during his lengthy ministry was pastor of many Mississippi Baptist churches; he organized some churches. He is now pastor emeritus of First Church, Wiggins, and he and Mrs. Lee still attend services there regularly.



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# Mississippi Churches Go Over Lottie Moon Goals

Providence Church, Route 2, Meadville, Franklin Association, experienced a victory for the Lord on Dec. 7. The church reached and went over its Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal in one day. The goal was \$2,500, which was \$500 more than the 1979 goal. At the end of the morning service, \$3,059.01 had been received and more continues to come in.

Providence is a small rural church with some mission-minded members. In 1957 the first challenging goal was set and reached, and each year since it has been increased. Franklin Haire has been pastor there since 1953.

Crowder Church set a goal of \$1,465.50 for the Lottie Moon Offering. The church decided to have a Mission March on Sunday, Nov. 30, in the morning service. A total of \$1,621.40 was given as the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions began. Other money is still coming in.

First, Amory  
"I am overwhelmed!" That is about all pastor Jim Futral could say as the Lottie Moon Offering total was announced at First Church, Amory. The goal had been set at \$17,500, which was \$3,500 above last year.

During the Week of Prayer each person in the congregation was given a missionary's name and place of service and asked to pray for that individual every day for a week. The Mission Friends and GA's made posters depicting missions and the life of Lottie Moon. The Acteens presented a drama of the life of Lottie Moon. The church hosted three couples who are missionary parents and heard the story of missions as described by moms and dads whose children are serving in foreign lands.

On December 17 the church-wide Christmas Party was held; everyone was encouraged to bring a Christmas gift for the cause of Christ. After food and fellowship, the church gathered to see and hear the Christmas story presented in song and costume by children. Ray Burke, minister of music, had prepared the program of scenes, songs, bells, and scripture.

Before that evening, the total given had reached \$5,334. "Some people quietly worried . . . and prayed," the pastor recalls. "But the people came and presented their gifts. The amount was totaled. Had the goal been reached? When I announced the total Lottie Moon Offering (\$23,875.06) the congregation broke out in applause and tears of praise!"

But the story was not over. Immediately after the service some who did not get their offerings turned in, went to the pastor to give more. Before everyone left, the total was \$29,110.06!

## Hawaii Baptist Editor Retires

HONOLULU (BP)—Sue Saito Nishikawa, editor of the Hawaii Baptist, took medical retirement Jan. 1, 1981, according to Edmond Walker, executive secretary-treasurer of the Hawaii Baptist Convention.

Nishikawa, 64, suffered a mild stroke in July, while returning to Hawaii from the Baptist World Alliance meeting in Toronto. She has not been able to return to work since, Walker added.

Nishikawa is associate director of the Cooperative Missions Division of the convention, and became editor of the newspaper in 1979. She had been associate editor since 1969. She is a graduate of Dodd College in Shreveport, La., Baylor University in Waco, Texas, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

She is believed to be the first woman to be named permanent editor of a state Baptist newspaper, although several have been interim editors.



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Calvary Church, Hattiesburg, opened its giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering with a gift for foreign missions from foreign missionaries, Bob and Flora Hollifield. Mrs. Lucy Clinton, Calvary's WMU director, center, and also Lamar Association WMU director, presented to Duane Hall, right, church treasurer, a check from them. John Cole, left, brother of Mrs. Bob Hollifield, represented the Hollifields during the presentation of the gift. The Hollifields serve in Rome, Italy. Calvary "claims" them. The church goal is \$5,000.00. Douglas Benedict is pastor.

## Harmontown Says "Faith Is Fact"

Harmontown Church near Como celebrated "Faith Is Fact Day" and burned the note on the new sanctuary. The pastor, Don Stanfill, preached on "The Fruits of Faith," the final message in a series on faith. He reminded members of "the opposition, the options, the opportunities, and the eventual outcome" of faith.

Stanfill said, "With reliance on the Lord, Harmontown did not cut missions gifts (an option), but rather increased them." As the outcome of faith, he pointed out some results: "paid off church building eight years early; special love offering for pavement, \$11,000; paid off church van; received award acknowledging our church as seventh in state in per capita giving; by end of this church year will have given over \$145,000 for missions since we said 'no' to the option of not believing God."

Two Harmontown members, Don Stanfill, and Othel Anding, will leave Dec. 28 for three weeks of sharing Christ in India.

Presentations of gifts were made to Arthur Leslie, director of missions, and Mrs. Leslie.



Burning a note at Harmontown, left to right, are: Jim Westerman, Ruth Shettles, Ural Lammie, Marvin Brown, Don Stanfill, pastor, Paul Broadfoot, Tommy Cook, Paul Crawford, and Janice Cook.



Pastor Don Stanfill presents gifts from Harmontown Church to Mrs. Arthur Leslie, wife of the director of missions, Lafayette Association.

## Tanner Urges Emphasis On Winning the Cities

ATLANTA (BP)—If Christians cannot win the masses of people in America's cities, they will never win the entire nation to Christ, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board President William G. Tanner said.

Speaking to a joint meeting of state Baptist evangelism and missions directors, Tanner pointed out the masses of people in America now living in the major cities of the nation.

More than 35 percent of the people live in 22 major cities with more than one million population, but only 12 percent of Southern Baptists and nine percent of the churches are in these 22 big cities, Tanner said.

To reach the cities, Southern Baptists will have to be willing to change from a predominantly rural denomination to an urban-oriented denomination, Tanner predicted.

He further pointed out that 48 percent of Southern Baptists now live in non-metropolitan areas, where 62 percent of the 35,600 Southern Baptist churches are located.

"If we are serious about Bold Mission Thrust's challenge to proclaim the gospel to every person on earth by the year 2000, we have got to become convinced that we must reach the cities," Tanner said.

He warned state and national Baptist denominational leaders not to become cynical and bored with the Bold Mission Thrust emphasis.

"As I travel, I really feel the pastoral leadership in the denomination is beginning to understand the challenge of Bold Mission Thrust," Tanner said. "About the time we denominational workers get bored with the slogans, our people get turned on about the challenge."

"Bold Mission Thrust cannot operate effectively unless we keep telling the people on the grassroots level about the challenge," he said.

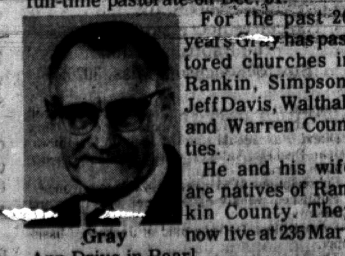
## Guy Gray, Pastor, Retires

Guy Gray, pastor of Immanuel Church, Vicksburg, retired from the full-time pastorate on Dec. 31.

For the past 26 years Gray has pastored churches in Rankin, Simpson, Jeff Davis, Walthall and Warren Counties.

He and his wife are natives of Rankin County. They now live at 235 Mary Ann Drive in Pearl.

He is available for revivals, interim pastorate or for supply. His phone number is 939-0169.



## December Graduation — New Orleans



Mississippi students received doctoral degrees from New Orleans Seminary during graduation exercises in Roland Q. Leavell Chapel on the campus Dec. 20. Pictured with Landrum P. Leavell, II, president of the Seminary, are: (l to r) D. Glenn Simmons (Doctor of Theology), pastor of Morgan City Church, Morgan City, Miss.; L. Hueston Adkins of Soso (Doctor of Ministry), pastor of First Church, Mendenhall; and Charles R. Holmes of Columbia (Doctor of Ministry), associate director, Baptist Rescue Mission, New Orleans, La.

Thirteen of 142 degrees conferred were received by doctoral graduates. Others from Mississippi who received degrees from New Orleans Seminary Dec. 20 were: MASTER OF DIVINITY: Irvin Holston, III of Purvis; Thomas Lee Davis of Columbia; Randy Ray Hales of Lambert; Alton W. Milley, native of Jackson, (son of Rev. and Mrs. Wesley P. Milley of Lake); Randy Warren Turner, native of Jackson; Robert Lawrence Willis of Clinton; David H. Lee, native of Long Beach; Al Jeffrey Fike of Leakeville; Richard C. Spencer of Hattiesburg; Nick Carruth Smith of Utica; Mike Smith, native of Decatur; A. B. Short, Jr. of Meridian; Douglas Matthew Buckles of Roxie; Dewi Tudno Williams of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe (graduate of Mississippi College); Berry C. Corbett of Alexandria, La., former Mississippian.

MASTER OF CHURCH MUSIC: John L. Odom of Pasagoula; Rodger Clyde Banes of Hazlehurst.

MASTER OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Johnny Dee Presley of Louisville; Carol Ann Huber of Grenada; Barbara Hosey of Magee; Kenneth L. McDavid of Laurel; Walter C. Thweatt, native of Ocean Springs; Donald Cary Magers of Tupelo; James Allen Rickles of Meridian; Glenn Allen Jackson of Purvis.

ASSOCIATE OF DIVINITY IN PASTORAL MINISTRIES: Jessie Lee Napp of Meridian.

## Yazoo City Will Sponsor Mission Pastors In Brazil

First Church, Yazoo City, has voted to help sponsor two mission churches in Brazil. Owen Cooper, chairman of the church's missions committee, said that they will provide a lay pastor for the two missions, one at Passa Quatro and one at Cruzeiro, for at least three services a month. (Since gasoline is \$4 a gallon, or \$1 a quart, in Brazil, this assistance will also help the lay pastors with their transportation costs.)

The mother church in Brazil for these two missions is the Church of Hope in Rio, David Gomes, pastor. Each year this church sends out a busload to cities where there is little or no Baptist work, to be "missionaries for a day." A year ago a busload of 40 people went to Passa Quatro, 185 miles from Rio, 30,000 pop., and held an evangelistic service. From that beginning, a mission was started and it now has 16 members. Four laymen from the Church of Hope went to Cruzeiro, a city of 150,000 and organized mission work. Now Yazoo City Baptists will be a factor in the ongoing of that work.

David Gomes of Rio brought greetings to the Mississippi Baptist Convention on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 12, from the Baptists of Brazil. He is founder and director and Bible teacher of the Bible School of the Air, network of radio programs, beamed to Brazil, all of South America, and to many other

countries. He is also pastor of the Church of Hope in Rio, professor in a Baptist seminary there, and preacher in many evangelistic crusades.

"I want to ask your many prayers for us down in Brazil," he said. "We have not yet reached 700,000 Baptists, but we are working toward having that many by 1982, our centennial."

He added, "I want you to think of the glory of your own missionary endeavor: You sent missionaries to us back in 1882. Now, 98 years later, we too have sent missionaries—to 11 countries: Paraguay, Bolivia, Argentina, Venezuela, Canada, Spain, Portugal, France, the Azores, Mozambique, and Uruguay. We are trying to what you taught us, as our way to please the Lord!"

Gomes had been in North Carolina to lead four Bible studies during the Baptist Men's meeting that preceded the meeting of the North Carolina Baptist Convention in Greensboro. He stopped in Jackson, enroute to Texas, to speak at First Church, Dallas, and at Southwestern Seminary.

Gomes' mother was baptized by a Southern Baptist missionary, Dan Crosland, in 1916. Gomes himself was baptized by the Southern Baptist missionary, O. P. Maddox. He was graduated from Baptist schools at Belo Horizonte and Rio, and from



## Covington-Jeff Davis Will Build House For Missions Director

The Long Range Planning Committee of Covington and Jefferson Davis Baptist Association has outlined plans for the construction of a new director's home for the association. In this phase of construction, the Long Range Committee will serve as a building committee to establish the home on the property site near the associational center building at Lone Star. The land near the Baptist Center will be developed for future recreational facilities. It is anticipated that con-

struction of the home will probably begin in March, 1981.

The total cost of the building project is underwritten by the majority of the churches in the two associations through percentage designations from the individual church budgets. The Baptist Center, established in 1976, at a value now of \$90,000, through the financial gifts of the churches was debt-free within 36 months. L. B. Atchison is the director of missions.

## Summer Staff At Ridgecrest

RIDGECREST, N. C.—Applications for employment on the 1981 summer staff at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center here are now being accepted, according to George Boswell, personnel services coordinator.

Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 65 and be able to work from May 31 through Sept. 7.

Interested persons should write to Summer Employment, Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, P. O. Box 128, Ridgecrest, NC 28770.

## Ron Mitchell To Do Student Work In Ohio

Ron Mitchell has resigned as pastor of Harmony Church, Walnut. He will become regional director of student work with the state convention of Baptists in Ohio. He will direct student work on 29 college and university campuses in Ohio's Southwest Region.

Commenting on Mitchell's selection, Grady Evans, state director of student work in Ohio, said, "Ron's church led the association in baptisms three of the past four years. As BSU director in Mississippi, (Jones Junior College), his campus was among the leaders in evangelism."

Mitchell, a graduate of Blue Mountain College and New Orleans Seminary, has served as moderator of the association, president of the pastor's conference, and associational Sunday School director. He is also co-founder of Associated Christian Enterprises, a corporation that expects to be operating a Christian radio station by the end of 1981. He will remain an officer with the corporation.

The Mitchells moved to Dayton, Ohio on Dec. 29. One daughter, Sonya, remained in Mississippi to attend Blue Mountain College.

## Attala Churches Choose Partners In Missions

As part of the Partners In Pioneer Missions program being promoted by the Attala County Baptist Association, Levon Moore, Director of Missions, recently spent six days and traveled 2,000 miles in Montana gathering information concerning areas of need. With W. J. Hughes, a director of missions in Montana, as his host, he visited or contacted 24 of the 32 churches and missions in the eastern half of Montana. These churches and missions are related to three associations served by Hughes.

Five Attala Baptist churches have taken action which will link them with a partner church in a pioneer field. These are McCool, Ethel, McAdams, Kosciusko Second, and Kosciusko Parkway.

The program involves sending a regular amount of financial support each month, regular exchange of progress reports, correspondence between pastors and members, an occasional pastoral exchange, the use of personnel for V.B.S., survey work, construction work, etc., and prayer support.

The churches linked to these Attala Baptist Churches are in Vermont, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, and Montana.

Money given to this direct mission work goes through the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board as designated offering and is over and above associational mission giving and the Cooperative Program. Four of the five participating churches have raised both associational mission giving and Cooperative Program for next year. "This approach makes Bold Missions more personal and thus more effective," Moore said.

## Staff Changes

Ridgecrest Church Jackson, has called Mrs. Julia Knight as preschool and day care director. She has served for 13 years as a kindergarten teacher at Broadmoor Church, Jackson.



Knight

Mrs. Knight has a degree in elementary and early childhood education from Florida State University. She taught in two public school systems before going to Broadmoor.

She has two daughters, Amy and Abby, both college students. She fills the position previously held by Mrs. Jeanie Grayson.



KENNETH W. JORDAN, center, has accepted the pastorate of Calvary Church, Columbia. He goes to Calvary from Meadville, First Church, where he served six years. He and his wife Kathy, center above, have two children, Jeffrey, right, Wayne, and Jennifer Leigh, left.

Walter G. Conrad of Tampa, Fla. has assumed duties as minister of music at South 28th Ave. Church, Hattiesburg, Alan Baliet, pastor. He had served as minister of music and youth of Riverside Church, Tampa for over 2 1/2 years.



He is a graduate of the New Orleans Seminary, with a master of church music degree. His wife is the former Susan Jane Austin from Kenner, La.

## Scholarship Is Memorial To Truett Mounce

Ecru Church has established a scholarship in music ministry to Blue Mountain College in memory of their long-time music director Truett Mounce.

The scholarship will be given annually to a student planning to enter the music ministry. A selection committee for the award has been established at the college.

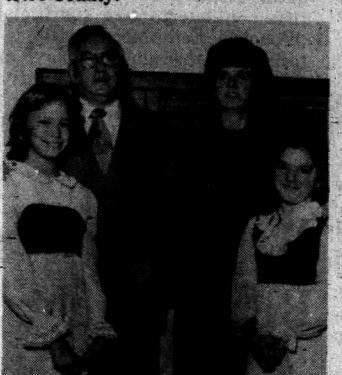
Rex Yancey has accepted the call to become pastor at First Church, Quitman, beginning Feb. 1. Yancey has served First Church, Saltillo, for four years. He spent three of his 15 years in the ministry in full-time evangelism.

He is a graduate of Blue Mountain College and New Orleans Seminary.

Yancey is married to the former Ellen Paeur of Ripley, and they have two children.

Bob Mack has resigned as pastor of Michael Memorial Church, Gulfport. He is available for supply preaching, and may be contacted at P. O. Box 143, Long Beach, MS 39660 (phone 601-864-1832).

Ricky Blythe of New Albany is the new pastor of Toccoola Church, Pontotoc County.



HOLLIS FRASER has resigned as minister of music and activities at Tyler-town Church and has accepted a similar position at Wesley Church, Birmingham, Ala. Previously he served in Virginia and Florida, and at Ruleville and Meridian, Miss.

Fraser and his wife Ann are pictured with their daughters, Holly, 11, and Melody, 10. They have two sons, Jeffrey, graduate of Mississippi State who entered the Air Force this month as a pilot, and Scott, a sophomore at Mississippi State.



RICKY JOHNSTON was welcomed recently as new pastor of Southside Church, Aberdeen. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Johnston of McComb and goes to Aberdeen from Brookhaven and the pastorate of Fair River Church, Lincoln County.

Johnston and his wife, Jo Nell, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grubbs of Tylertown, have two children, Jennifer, 3, and Carrie, 1. He received his education at Southwest Mississippi Junior College, University of Southern Mississippi, and New Orleans Seminary. She is a graduate of USM.

David Gosslee and his family have been welcomed to the pastorate of Toxish Church, Pontotoc County, with a supper and pounding.

Steve Wilkes has been called as pastor of First Church, Maumelle, Ark. Wilkes is the former pastor of First Baptist Church in Sumner, Miss.

John Stewart has resigned as pastor of Piave Church. He plans to attend Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

Ronnie Jones has resigned as pastor of Johnson Creek Church (George-Greene). He is moving to a church near Waynesboro.

Robert Mack has resigned as pastor of Michael Memorial Church, Gulf Coast.

Bob Gilmore is the new minister of music and activities at Pineview church, Gulf Coast Association.

Gary N. Nichols has become minister of education, Tylertown Church. He moved from Five Points, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Nichols received the B.A. from William Carey College and the M.R.E. from New Orleans Seminary. In Tuscaloosa he served as associational Church Training director; president, Alabama Religious Educators' Retreat; and as Tuscaloosa's Outstanding Young Religious Leader, 1980.

He is married to the former Carolyn Hurt, Tupelo. They have one daughter, Molly.

Jim Street has resigned the pastorate at First Church, Wiggins, to accept the pastorate of First Church, Cleveland.

Benjamin H. Boone is the new pastor of Emmanuel Church, Biloxi.

Harold G. Wilson, pastor of Shady Grove, First Church (Jasper) has resigned. He will be moving to Prentiss where he can be contacted for supply or interim work, at P. O. Box 302, Prentiss, Ms. 39474. (Phone 792-8202).

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## James In The News . . .



Hollywood Church, Sledge, gave perfect attendance pins recently in Sunday School to Darnell Jenkins for 24 years; Gary Mayo, 17 years; Rusty Hales and Trey O'Neal, two years; Jeremy Byard, Tina Hamilton, and Tom Bond, pastor, one year; and Jennifer Faust, three months.



Mickey Henderson, left, a senior music major, a Baptist from Nesbit, has been named the recipient of a Presser Scholarship at Mississippi College.

The award is a recognition of individual excellence and is designed to help the student in his future career, as well as in a financial capacity during under graduate studies.

Henderson was named as the Presser Scholar by Jack Lyall, right, Chairman of the Music Dept., and Lewis Nobles, president of Mississippi College.

Zeb L. Brister, pastor of Unity Church, Pascagoula since 1978, has resigned and is free to serve as supply or interim pastor while he awaits the Lord's call to another ministry. A Doctor of Theology graduate of Southwestern Seminary, he is also available to teach Bible and doctrinal studies in churches, retreats, or conferences or to preach in revivals. His teaching experience includes both Seminary Extension centers and college extension classes, as well as classes in Bible and religion on a college campus. (It still may not be too late for him to teach Philipians in January.) Brister may be reached at (601) 762-3960 in Pascagoula, or at 1605 Soover Road, Pascagoula, MS 39367.

First, Leakesville has ordained Joel Fike as a deacon. Phil Walker is pastor.

Leslie M. Rihard, Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Newport, Ark., was elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of Baptist Memorial Hospital (Memphis) for 1981. Elected first vice president was William A. Crabbill of Marks, Miss. W. Fred Vandall, II, pastor of First Baptist Church of Union City, Tenn., was elected second vice president and J. W. Royal, retired Baptist minister from Judsonia, Ark., was elected secretary. Baptist Memorial Hospital is owned by Baptist state conventions of Arkansas, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

John and Nell Smith, missionaries to Norway, are in Jackson on leave for five or six weeks. They arrived Monday night, Dec. 22. They may be reached at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Russell May, 301 East Hillsdale, Jackson, or at the home of Mrs. Smith's sister at 115 Palmyra, Jackson. The Smiths were formerly missionaries to Indonesia, but after he suffered a heart attack they moved to a colder climate in Norway.

James A. Case of Brookhaven is available for supply preaching or as interim pastor. He may be contacted by phone at 601-833-8244 or 601-384-7710.

J. C. Mitchell will teach the Bible study on Philipians Jan 18-21 at McBee Church, Lowndes County. Mitchell of Columbus is tri-county director of missions.

William Oscar Thompson, 45, an assistant professor of evangelism at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, died Dec. 28, in a Fort Worth hospital after a four-year battle with cancer.

Thompson, who had been on the seminary faculty since 1974, was diagnosed as having multiple myeloma, a type of cancer, in September of 1976.

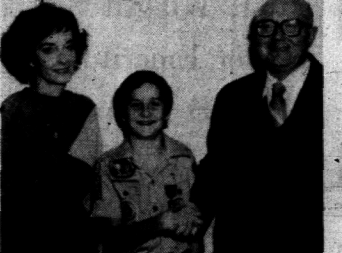
The professor, a native of Gonzales, Texas, was pastor in Gonzales, Seguin and Arlington prior to joining the seminary faculty.

Thompson was a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary, receiving his doctor of philosophy degree from the seminary in December of 1979.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter and his mother.



F. Kent Wyatt (left), a new trustee of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. and president of Delta State University in Cleveland, takes a break from seminary business with Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptists' oldest seminary. Wyatt was one of the seminary's campus to participate in the recently-held new trustee orientation.



JAMES WARREN, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Warren, was presented the God and Country Award Nov. 30 by Tommy King, Highland Church, Laurel, sponsors Boy Scout Troop No. 44 where James is a Life Scout. The award is given by the Southern Baptist Convention, although Boy Scouts are usually the only ones who earn it. Richard G. Lee is pastor at Highland. James is pictured with his mother and Mr. King.

Bob N. Ramsay of Tupelo recently completed writing a senior adult Sunday School lessons series for the Sunday School Board, for use during the winter quarter, 1981-82. The theme of the series is "The Person and Teachings of Jesus."

Mary Frank Kirkpatrick, missionary to Liberia, will be the speaker at Gunnison Church on Jan. 11 at 11 a.m.

She is a graduate of Blue Mountain College and of Southwestern Seminary. She was appointed October, 1955, to Nigeria. In 1978 she was transferred to Liberia. John Conn is the Gunnison pastor.

Kirkpatrick

For speaking engagements, Miss Kirkpatrick may be contacted at Box 94, Noxapater, MS 39346.

Lajoyce Busby, who has been serving as pastor in both Calhoun and Lafayette counties, is now available for supply preaching or for full time pastorate. He lives in Pontotoc County and may be contacted at Box 220, Route 1, Randolph, MS 38874 (phone 489-6319).

Mike and Susan Morrow, pastor and wife at Friendship Church, Pontotoc County, have a new son, born Dec. 6. Michael Benjamin weighed 7 pounds, 9 oz. at birth.

Greg Warner recently joined the promotion staff of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth, Tex., as news coordinator. Warner's duties will include press relations for the commission and editorship of several of its publications. Warner is a 1980 master of divinity graduate of Southwestern in Fort Worth, where he also worked in the public relations office. He was born in Florida.



## Smith County Missionary Dies At 67

Charlie L. Bryant of Raleigh, director of missions in Smith County since 1968, died Dec. 20, 1980, at Baptist Medical Center, Jackson. He was 67. The funeral was Dec. 22 at Colonial Funeral Home, Columbia, with Billy Ballard, pastor of Union Church, Smith County, and Jon Doler, pastor of First, Raleigh, officiating. Burial was at Raleigh.

Survivors include Bryant's mother, Mrs. Leslie Bryant, Floadrian Nursing Home, Columbia, and one sister, Mrs. Wilson Barnes, Columbia; one nephew, and one niece. His wife, the former Tressie Russum, a Smith County native, died in August, 1979. Bryant had served as pastor at Kokomo; Hickory Flat; Harmony, Vicksburg; Noxapater; and Fellowship, Taylorsville. For four years he was chaplain and public relations director at Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman. Mrs. Bryant, graduate of Clarke and Mississippi Colleges, was dietitian at the prison hospital.

He grew up near Prentiss, and served in World War II and studied law before entering the ministry in 1949. Under his leadership, Smith County Association began holding annual January Bible Conferences.

## Ronald Goulding Is Inaugurated

RUSCHLIKON, Switzerland — Church leaders and potential leaders from across the world were on hand for the inauguration of C. Ronald Goulding as sixth president of the International Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Goulding, a 65-year-old native of Earlsfield, England, is the first European to be seminary president. He was elected last spring to serve for a period of up to three years.

## Iuka Is First In CT Awards

Iuka Baptist Church in Tishomingo Association is first in the state (1979-80) in receiving Church Training Leadership Awards. With 39 awards the church finished 3rd in the Southern Baptist Convention. Mrs. Frank (Rubine) Shoffner, Church Training director for Iuka Baptist Church, is pictured.



Glenfield Church, New Albany, recently burned the note on its pastorum, built four years ago. Left to right, Building Committee members are Lowrey Aldridge, Melvis Willard, Leonard Howell, pastor, Jimmy Allred, and Mike Scott.



CENTER GROVE CHURCH, MERIDIAN, licensed two on Dec. 14 to preach. Left to right they are John Edward Mars and Roy Leon Williams, Jr. Mars is a student at Jones County Junior College where he is outreach chairman of the BSU. Williams has been a student at Meridian Junior College, but is transferring to Mississippi College. He is minister of music at Center Grove. The pastor is J. E. Williams.

Carey Springs Church, Pontotoc County plans to add carpet and new pews in the sanctuary. L. L. Owens is pastor.

Whoever is not actively kind is cruel. — John Ruskin

## Just For The Record



Parkway Church at Houston has a new 48 x 96 foot sanctuary under construction. Joel Haire, former consultant, state Stewardship Department, led this church in a fund raising program.

This new sanctuary when finished will seat 330 people. The choir will have 48 individual seats. Parkway has also purchased 2.2 acres of land across the street to be developed into parking area and youth facilities.

The old sanctuary will be divided into Sunday school classrooms, which will include a much larger youth department. Also, more space will be available for the nursery.

The architect for the new building is Marlin D. Blanton. The builder is Billy Warnik. Projected cost is \$180,000. Members of the Building Committee are: Grady Foster, Chairman; Jack Gillespie, Lynn Johnson, Cooper Watkins, Alice Harmon, and Linda Thomas. James H. Cannon is pastor.



JAMES B. YOUNG (center), former president of Jones County Junior College, presented his book, THE MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC JUNIOR COLLEGE STORY: THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS, 1922-1972 to John F. Sumner, Jr. (right), BSU director at Jones.

Young presented his book during the noonday service at the BSU Center on Dec. 2, to be placed in the Baptist Student Union library. Renee Hinton (left) is the BSU noonday chairman.

Jones was the first junior college in the state, the book reveals, to have a fulltime BSU director, and the Jones BSU was the first junior college BSU in the state to have a fulltime office secretary.

Paul and Eveline Miller, missionaries to Nigeria, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: c/o George Miller, Rt. 9, Altamont Rd., Greenville, S.C. 29609). He was born in Charlotte, N.C., and lived in Biloxi, Miss., Greenville, S.C., and Decatur, Ga., while growing up. The former Eveline Farmer, she was born in Toronto, Canada.

Donald and Patricia Pirkle, missionaries to Gaza, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: Rt. 1, Box 102, Sycamore, Ga. 31790). She was born in Pontotoc, Miss., and grew up near Marks.

Joyce Spires, missionaries to Malawi, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: c/o James Milner, 110 Sycamore St., Morton, Miss. 39117). He was born in Gould, Ark. She was born in Rankin County, Miss.



QUEENS pictured above represented their churches at the PONTOTOC COUNTY ASSOCIATION NIGHT, Nov. 17, at First Church, Pontotoc. The churches were divided into two groups. Church Training through 73, and those with more. In Group I, Immanuel Church, Pontotoc, their Queen, left, was Judy Hutcheson and director, Joe Clayton. First, Pontotoc, Jerry Bell, director, received the Attendance Banner in Group II, and Valley Grove Church the Efficiency Banner. Their Queen was Kathy Copeland, right, and Robert Bounds, director. The churches received the Efficiency Banners based upon the percentage of enrollment present. John Armistead, Tupelo, was guest speaker. Twenty-one churches were represented, with total attendance of 403. A. B. Godfrey is associational Church Training director.

Calvary Church, Tupelo, exceeded its annual budget of \$491,000 by pledging \$501,517 in one day, Sunday morning, Nov. 23. November was budget promotion month at Calvary. The total amount pledged by Dec. 17 was \$525,000. Calvary's pastor is John G. Armistead.

Cedar Grove Church, George, recently dedicated its new four-bedroom pastorum recently, and served dinner on the grounds. The fifth Sunday offering for the new house was over \$1,700. Robert Sones is pastor.



VARDAMAN, FIRST CHURCH, recently honored J. R. McCord, 86, member of the Vardaman church for 74 years, teacher of a Sunday School class for 53 years, and deacon for 42 years. Pictured are James Shumate, former pastor at Vardaman; First, Mr. and Mrs. McCord; and Lowell F. Johnson, present pastor.

## THE VILLAGE VIEW FROM Baptist Children's Village

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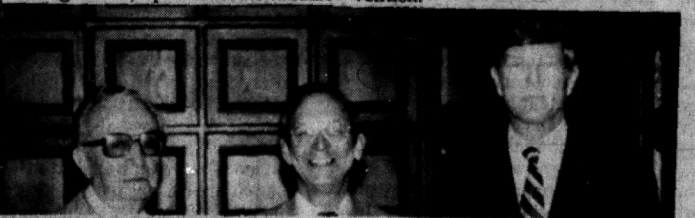
### Village Board Elects New Officers

On Tuesday, December 2, the Board of Trustees of The Baptist Children's Village met on the Village's Jackson Campus in their final, quarterly session of 1980. The meeting closed with the traditional Christmas luncheon for Trustees and their wives, hosted by Executive Director Paul N. Nunnery and Mrs. Nunnery.

Trustees attending included those whose terms of active duty expired in 1980 and who thus retired under Convention policy, as well as those elected or re-elected to new three-year terms by 1980 sessions of Mississippi Baptist Convention. In addition to reviewing the ministry of The Children's Village for the calendar year 1980 and transacting other agency business, the Board of Trustees reorganized itself through the election of officers and the appointment of Committees. Chosen to succeed Rev. M. G. Reedy of Water Valley as President, was Robert W. King, a Jackson Attorney. James T. Hollingsworth, a planter of Hollandale

was re-elected as Vice-President of the Board and Chairman of its Executive Committee. Lyle V. Corey, a Meridian Attorney was elected as the Board's Secretary. The other, current, active Village Trustees include: Rev. W. F. Evans, Rev. Jim Futral, Mr. Charles T. Hull, Dr. Dwight L. Hastings, Mr. W. Kelly Pryon, Rev. M. G. Reedy, Mr. Charles L. Miller, Dr. William T. Pruitt, III, Mr. T. Cooper Walton, Mr. Fred L. Gaddis, Jr., Ralph Hester and Mr. Eustus R. Bond.

Trustees retiring from active service, effective with the December meeting, were: L. W. Turner of Senatobia, Rev. Doyle Cummings of Itta Bena and A. L. Rainey, Jr. of Gulfport. The Baptist Children's Village, like other Mississippi Baptist institutions and agencies, is governed by a 15-member Board of Trustees, nominated and elected by the annual sessions of Mississippi Baptist Convention.



New officers, Village Board of Trustees (L to R — Lyle V. Corey, Secretary; Robert W. King, President; James T. Hollingsworth, Vice-President).

### The Memorial Fund

For twenty years, to a steadily increasing degree, individual friends of The Village and its children have used the medium of our MEMORIAL FUND as an appropriate expression of honor and tribute to the living and as an expression of compassionate concern to the families of deceased persons by memorializing the memory of their departed loved ones through a contribution to this fund at The Children's Village. The proceeds of the MEMORIAL FUND are committed to educational expenses of Village children and young people, including post-high school, college and vocational school communities.

Thousands of people have found satisfaction and comfort in the knowledge that the names and influence of

their loved ones are being recorded in the uplifted and redirected hearts and lives of boys and girls who must make their home at The Children's Village. Traditionally, in January of each year, we review our records of memorial gifts for the preceding year and use the opportunity to again thank those who have utilized The Village's MEMORIAL FUND for these purposes. Very shortly, "anniversary letters" of acknowledgment and gratitude will be mailed to 1980 contributors to that fund. As we here again express our appreciation to supporters of the MEMORIAL FUND, we invite all readers to utilize these facilities during 1981 on appropriate occasions. Those desiring further information may address our central offices at Box 11308, Jackson, 39213.

### Presenting Our Staff



Wanda and Bill Bricker, Houseparents on our Jackson Campus since August, 1979.

### Open house in New Albany

On Sunday, December 7, The Village's Group Home in New Albany entertained friends and neighbors at an open house, hosted by the children and young people who live in the home and by their houseparents who are Village staff members, Charles and Betty Jackson. Assistant Executive Director T. Deane Rodgers, who administers Village operations in the northern tier of counties, including the New Albany Group Home, and Mrs. Rodgers, and Mrs. Gary (Becky) Rhodes, the Village Social Caseworker who supervises the New Albany Group joined Mr. and Mrs. Jackson in the receiving line, along with Mrs. Ben Allen Kitchen, a member of the committee from First Baptist Church of New Albany which provides the building and grounds occupied by The Village in New Albany.

Hundreds of interested friends of the Village and its children from New Albany and surrounding areas called during the afternoon, greeted the children and staff, inspected the premises and enjoyed a period of refreshment and fellowship. The beautifully-appointed home was tastefully decorated in the spirit of the Christmas season.

The occasion was designed for the dual purpose of expressing the appreciation of the Village, and particularly its New Albany population, for the interest, support and kindness of our friends, and to "show off" our new living quarters in New Albany. Recently, through the courtesy and generosity of our host church, First Baptist Church of New Albany, our children and staff there occupied the refurbished and newly-decorated brick residence adjacent to the church building which was used heretofore as a Pastorium. The Village is justly proud of its group home in New Albany and is deeply indebted to First Baptist Church and its membership for helping us make this superior Christian child care facility possible.

### Athletes

In its multi-faceted ministry which attempts to meet the need of each child and young person as an individual through a variety of Christian, therapeutic, and recreational activities, The Children's Village has found wholesome recreation and athletic competition to be extremely valuable in motivating and directing healthy, young lives. From time to time, Village young people distinguish themselves on athletic fields, either through participating as a member of one of our Village-based teams, or through the athletic programs offered by the various public schools which our children attend.

This year, we are particularly pleased and proud to recognize six young men from our New Albany Group Home and from our Jackson Campus who have distinguished themselves in competition. Mike Spivey, from the New Albany Home, a Junior at New Albany High School, has become a real "star" in track, winning numbers of ribbons and trophies in frequent competition across several years. Most recently, Mike won first place in the State in the two-mile event, setting a new state record in the process. Willie and Fred Martin, twin brothers from our New Albany Home, both Seniors in New Albany High School, have been "starters", and regulars on New Albany's High School football team. Robert "Tiger" Odom, Tony Martin and Fred Herrington from our Jackson Campus were each recently honored at Clinton's annual High School Football Banquet as members of Clinton High's 9th grade football team. Each is a freshman student in the Clinton Public Schools this year. Mike Milner from our Jackson Campus, a Senior at Clinton High School this year, was honored at the same banquet with the award of "best defensive lineman" on the Clinton High School varsity football team which won the Little Dixie Conference Championship in 1980.

Academic records, citizenship and attitude all improve markedly because of the interest and sense of achievement which these wholesome activities produce.

Powell Chapel on the Jackson Campus was the setting for the recent candlelight wedding of Chrystelle Land and Bobby Thomas. Both the bride and groom are Village young people. Village staff and friends extend best wishes to them as they begin their new life together.



A Village Track Star, Mike Spivey of our New Albany Home, admires his awards.

### Christmas at The Village

All Village boys and girls, our entire staff, and especially the administration at The Village wishes to express profound gratitude to hundreds of individuals, churches and church auxiliaries who have loyally and generously come to our aid during the recent holiday season. Because of the concern and unselfishness of so many of you, Village children have again enjoyed a good Christmas materially, and more importantly, the gifts for them which you have made possible have served as an effective and forceful reminder of the real message of Christmas, the real meaning of a brand of love which is frequently so difficult to define. Additionally, your gifts to our HOLIDAY FUND have helped substantially in supplying an almost critical need in the vital area of financing food and milk in those expensive times. We have tried to express our gratitude to each donor, sincerely and promptly, but we would like all Mississippi Baptists to know that you upon whom we depend for all that we have and are, in human terms, have again justified our dependence upon you by responding. In the event any reader intended to give and neglected his intentions in the understandable rush of the Christmas season, please know that our need is still great, our food bills continue at all-time highs, and the books on our HOLIDAY FUND, devoted to that specific need, are not yet closed. If you intended to give and did not, or if you have considered giving again, why not write us today at Box 11308, Jackson, 39213? Meanwhile, for all of us, and the children in particular, God bless you all for standing with us during Christmas of 1980, and accept our good wishes for a New Year filled with health, happiness and prosperity.



Village youngster patiently awaits his gift. Grenada Telephone employees entertain Farrow Manor Campus children.



## Bible Book Series

## Immature Christians In The Church

By Gordon H. Sansing  
Pastor, First, Pontotoc  
I Corinthians 3:1-4:21

## Focal Passage:

I Corinthians 3:1-7, 9, 11-13, 16-17; 4:1-4  
The possibilities that await those who answer God in Jesus Christ are that Jesus becomes: our "wisdom," through whom we can know God; our "righteousness" by whom we are put right with God; our "sanctification" in whom we are set apart for God; our "redemption" who sets us free from sin and death to serve God. That is Paul's message to the Corinthian Christians as he calls them to growth in Christ.

Paul now returns to the fact that these Corinthian Christians are not living up to the potential which are theirs in Christ. He confronts them with these facts.

## 1. EVIDENCES OF IMMATURITY (3:1-9)

There are two main reasons these people were failing to reach the goal of faith. First, they were worldly-minded "men of the flesh." This means they were dominated by the flesh, that is, that which was apart from God.

Evidence of this spiritual immaturity is that Paul was unable to address them as spiritual men but "as to men of flesh, as to babes in Christ." They were still unable to digest the more solid food of Christian faith and doctrine. They were showing few signs of spiritual growth and progress.

The second reason for their failure and other evidence of their immaturity was that divisions and factions existed among them. This was evidenced by the fact that there was jealousy and strife in their midst and they were giving loyalty to different men.

It was folly and a defeat for God's church. God may use human instruments to bring His message of truth and love; but it is God alone who wakes each person to new life.

## 2. THE SOLUTION FOR IMMATURITY (3:10-15)

In order for Christians to grow and mature, they must set their minds on the things of God. These Corinthian Christians needed to grow up; therefore, they needed to stop looking with critical eyes at one another and look to God. He is the one "who causes the growth." He is the one foundation upon which to build.

Paul had faithfully laid the foundation of Christ in the 18 or so months he had stayed in Corinth. He had preached and taught Jesus Christ, the

crucified and risen Lord and Savior, and as people received Christ, the church in Corinth was begun.

Now others were building upon this foundation, and care must be taken as how they were doing it. To erect shabby lives on the solid foundation would be shameful. Also, there would come the time of testing for each man's work. In order for these Christians to mature and have their work stand, they must build on the foundation of Christ a proper spiritual structure.

## 3. THE MOTIVE FOR GROWTH

From the thought of building correctly upon the one foundation which was the way to maturity, Paul moves to the motive for Christian growth. That motive is that we as individuals (I Corinthians 6:19) who make up the church are "a temple of God" wherein the Spirit of God dwells.

The church is to be that body of Christ where God's presence is keenly felt, where one is inspired to draw close to Him, and where God manifests Himself through His people. The very fact that Christians make up a temple of God is a proper motivation for Christian growth.

The warning is that through dissension the very temple of God is destroyed; the Spirit is quenched; the sense of unity and fellowship is marred. This is what was happening in the Corinthian church.

Paul appeals to these Christians, on the basis of who they are, to grow up "for the temple of God is holy and that is what you are."

## 4. THE MEASURE OF GROWTH (4:1-4)

Paul cites Peter, Apollos and himself as "servants of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God." Two thoughts are contained here. One, "servant" is a term referring to a member of a ship's crew who, accepting orders from the pilot, pulled at the oars to move the vessel across the sea.

The second thought is contained in the word "steward." A steward is one who was in charge of the administration of his master's house or estate as a servant to his master.

In using these terms, Paul shifted the focal point of the Corinthian's allegiance away from himself and the others to the Lord. Only in this way could the divisions in the church be overcome and the people and the church grow in the faith.

Paul wanted these Corinthian Christians to become faithful stewards of the mysteries of God also. The mea-



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sure of growth and faithfulness under God is "that one be found trustworthy."

The Lord Himself is the one who examines His people and His church. If one is to measure up to God's expectations then there must be a concentration on Christ, a proper building upon the foundation of Christ, and a faithful stewardship of God's truths. Christian growth toward maturity still occurs in this manner.

Paul's words of encouragement are for these to grow so that it would be possible for him to come to them "with love and a spirit of gentleness."



Jones JC BSU Christmas Project

A mission project of the Baptist Student Union of Jones County Junior College each year is to sponsor four needy children from two local elementary schools. School administrators this year secured permission from parents for the BSU to keep the children all day.

The youngsters were taken by the students and the BSU director to the local Sears store. Each was fitted for clothes, shoes, and jackets, and each was helped in selecting a toy. They were taken to McDonald's for lunch. BSU students wrapped the clothes and toys and placed them under the Christmas tree at the BSU center. The students then played with the children for a while and took them into the Center for a Christmas party.

Pictured with the children are John F. Sumner, Jr., BSU director, and Randy Sims, BSU missions chairman.



## Bibles To Uganda

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in December provided \$52,542 for Bibles for Uganda, where Bibles are so scarce that the Ugandan Bible Society has been rationing them.

Still Southern Baptist missionaries there are requesting another \$47,000 for Bibles in this east African nation. They could distribute one-half million Bibles in the 12 vernacular languages within two or three months, if they were available, said Linda Rice, chairman of the Uganda Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Uganda). Another half-million English Bibles are needed to satisfy demand.

The appropriation came after Foreign Mission Board representatives met with Ugandan Bible Society General Secretary Canon Wesonga to discuss the shortage.

The society rationed the 6,000 Uganda language Bibles it distributed recently, Wesonga said, and it has been able to distribute a single English language Bible in the last year. The need for English Bibles has increased steadily since January when the Ugandan government reinstituted a religious knowledge curriculum in the primary schools, said Wesonga.

## As 1981 Begins

By Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer  
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

Have you longed for a closer relationship with God? I have. In fact several New Years have begun with resolutions that called for personal discipline designed to produce a conscious daily walk in God's presence. My lifelong study of church history introduced me to the exceptional saints of the ages—those who appeared to have experienced a close relationship with God. My mental appetite hungrily devoured their writings in an attempt to find even one practical morsel that could satisfy my appetite for holiness. I combed ancient writings with a fine-tooth comb—writings such as Ascetic Discourses of St. Basil; the Rule of St. Benedict; the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius Loyola; Jeremy Taylor's Holy Living and Holy Dying; Gerard Groote's The Imitation of Christ (later edited by Thomas a Kempis); and William Law's Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life.

It was while devouring the latter that I was forced to agree with Samuel Johnson's assessment of the Serious Call when he stated that Law was "quite an overmatch for me." While a student at Cambridge, Law drew up "Rules for my Future Conduct." The rules he faithfully observed were 18 in number. A selection from these 18 rules gives a fair idea of the drift of Law's mind.

(1) To fix it deep in my mind that I have but one business on my hands—to seek for eternal happiness by doing the Will of God.

(2) To avoid all concerns with the world or the ways of it, but where religion requires.

(3) To avoid excess in eating and drinking.

(4) To be always fearful of letting my time slip away without some fruit.

(5) To avoid all idleness.

(6) To think often of the life of Christ, and propose it as a pattern to myself.

(7) To pray privately thrice a day, besides my morning and evening prayers.

(8) To forbear from all evil speaking.

(9) To spend some time in giving an account of the day, previous to evening prayer. How have I spent the day? What sin have I committed? What temptation have I withstood? Have I performed all my duty?

Though difficult, the rules seemed possible until I read Law's guidelines for each rule. It was then that I realized that Law was out of touch with ordinary men like me. For instance his rule on prayer calls for an early rising—"earlier than the ploughman yoked his horses or the housemaid laid the kitchen fire." Law was a bachelor and the private chaplain of the Gibbon family. He knew nothing of hectic pace of the corporate rat race, to say nothing of the frustrating demands placed on the head of a modern day household.

It occurred to me he was in bed shortly after sundown instead of an average of 11:30 p.m. and he had had a full night's rest before he began his morning prayers. He could also build his whole schedule around his times of prayer while my job demands prayer time be built into a hard nosed business schedule.

I grew up spiritually the day that I realized the doctrine of the "priesthood of the believer" applied to me. I had to develop my own guidelines to accomplish a closer relationship with God—that are, under grace rather than law, and guidelines that magnify love.

At the beginning of 1981 I am still at the business of developing resolutions designed to produce a conscious daily walk in God's presence, but these resolutions will reflect more grace than law. The New Year will be a year in which I will be able in both prayer and social activity to discern myself as a channel through whom God's Spirit is flowing into all the areas of daily living.

Have a holy New Year!

## Polish — American Heritage Day

Attala Baptists are giving support to the observance of Polish-American Heritage Day which will be observed in Kosciusko on January 17. Through the joint efforts of their Associational Missions Committee and the Ethel Baptist Church, a Polish American, John Kasa, will be brought to the area for the observance. Thaddeus Kosciusko, for whom the city was named, was a Freedom Fighter in Poland and America.

Kasa, a native of Poland, is pastor of the Polish Baptist Church of our Saviour in Parma, Ohio. This church is linked with Ethel Church in the association's Partners in Pioneer Missions program Kasa will preach at Ethel Church on Sunday morning, January 18. Other speaking engagements will be arranged for him if possible, according to Levon Moore, director of missions.

## Uniform Lesson

## Build On The Solid Rock

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Matthew 7:13-23

THE AIM OF THE LESSON is to help the pupil to decide, Am I on the way to heaven as a disciple of Jesus?

## I. THE NARROW AND WIDE GATE (7:13-14)

V. 13 The Strait Gate—Dr. Albert Barnes makes a difference in the words straight, and strait. He says that straight means not crooked, and strait means pent up, narrow, difficult to be entered. Therefore, it means that the way to heaven is pent up or restricted, narrow, close and not easily entered.

V. 13 Broad Is The Way—The way to death, to eternal condemnation, to hell, to existence without God is open, wide, broad and many people are on it.

V. 14 Narrow Is The Way—This is often called the narrow gate. It means accepting Christ instead of running things for yourself. It is a life of study, discipline, stewardship, worship and ministering to others. It is not a casual stroll or a self-centered life.

The ancient cities had walls around them. There were gates in the walls that led to streets and avenues in the city. Some of the gates were opened into wide streets and boulevards. Other gates opened into small narrow winding streets that led to private houses and quarters. So, enter the narrow gate that leads to the private heaven of the redeemed in Christ Jesus.

Billy Graham says about the narrow road, "Science is narrow and exacting. Mathematical laws are narrow. Chemical laws are narrow. Jesus said the road to heaven is narrow, and He laid it out just as specifically as you lay out the multiplication table. Some of you say 'I'll get there, but I'll make my own rules; I'll go my own way; I'll do good unto others; I'll try to live as good as I can.' Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'Nicodemus, that's not enough. You must be born again!' And you must follow the narrow road, within the narrow bounds of what Jesus taught."

The story is told about a gospel singer who asked a friend if he had accepted Christ. The friend answered, "No, you just go on singing your songs and I will play around with the devil for a while longer." The friend left the impression that he would sooner or later accept Christ. But in a few short weeks he was shot to death.

He was mistaken as an intruder and a thief. So give yourself to Christ now. Tomorrow may be too late.

## II. THE FALSE PROPHETS (7:15-23)

V. 15 False Prophets—These men in Guyana two years ago showed how many people can be fooled by a false prophet. The prophet was one originally who could foretell the future. They became known as teachers of religion.

A false prophet is a teacher of religious doctrine that is false, not true and incorrect. He also claims to be divinely inspired.

V. 15 Sheep's Clothing—The sheep represents innocence, sincerity, and harmlessness. To appear in sheep's clothing gives the impression that one is coming in holiness, innocence and is willing to instruct in godliness and religion. This false prophet in sheep's clothing has a wicked heart.

V. 15 Raving Wolves—They appear to help people but they are out to get all they can from the people by extortion and excess. Read Mt. 23:23-25.

V. 16 Know Them By Their Fruits—Trees are not judged by their bark, leaves, blooms, but by their fruit. Leaves and blooms are pretty and may be "red and green but they are only ornaments. They speak of that which should come later, the fruit. False prophets pretend to have the real thing. It appears that they do. However, it is the fruit they bear, their conduct, their behavior, their commitment to the gospel, their loyalty to Christ which will determine their true nature.

V. 17 Corrupt Tree—A tree of uselessness. It produced nothing of value. It may be promising, and showy, but it is no good; it produces no fruit. A spiritual prophet produces the fruit of the Holy Spirit in his life. Bowes has this to say, "The olive tree in Palestine called the oleaster which bears no fruit. When I see a man taking up a large space in Christ's spiritual orchard and yielding no real fruit, I say, 'Ah, there is an oleaster.'"

V. 21 Lord, Lord—Many will claim that they should be admitted into the Kingdom. They will say, we have done miracles and we should be admitted. Also, we have preached and prophesied much. God can give if he will. Balaam the prophet spoke in God's name but he was evil. The Magicians of Egypt did miracles but they were

wicked. Paul said even if he preaches with the tongue of angels, and prophecies with the gift of prophecy, and has the faith to remove mountains, he is no good unless he has love, which is the true mark of godliness.

V. 22 In That Day—This is the Day of Judgement when all the false prophets and the pretenders will be tried.

V. 23 I Never Knew You—Jesus the Judge will say, I never approved of your conduct, I never loved you, and I never considered you as my friends. They were never true followers. Jesus did not say, "I once knew you and now I don't; you were once Christians and you have fallen away; you were once saved, but now you have apostatized." "No," he says, "I never knew you." They had never been Christians.

## III. HEARING AND BUILDING 7:24-27

This story illustrates the necessity of obeying His commands, not merely hearing them. The life that would last must include both hearing Jesus' teachings and then living by them. Lyman Abbott tells about Dr. Robinson being entertained at Nazareth in the home of a Greek Arab. The house had just been built. In order to lay the foundations he had dug down to the solid rock to the depth of 30 feet, and then built up the frame. A friend, journeying through Palestine, pitched his tent one fair night in one of the wadies, or valleys, and was awakened before morning by the flow of water, from which he and his party had barely time to escape. They lost their clothing and other things. So the trial of the last Great Day will come, without warning, and overwhelming those whose exterior was fair, but the foundation of whose life was insecure.

## IV. THE END OF THE SERMON 7:28-29

The Scribes were the learned men and teachers of the Jewish nation. They were mainly Pharisees. The Pharisees were the conservatives in religion. The Sadducees were the liberals in religion. The Scribes taught the traditions of the spiritual fathers. They consumed much of their time in useless disputes and vain-jangling. Jesus was open, plain, serious, practical, and he preached truth as the oracles of God. He did not spend his time in useless disputes and vain-jangling. The application of Jesus' way of

## Life and Work Lesson

## A Neighbor To The Needy

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Basic Passage: Luke 10:1-37

## Focal Passage: Luke 10:25-37

We humans seem to enjoy asking God questions. It started very early in human history. In the first family to live on this earth brother murdered brother. Cain killed Abel, then asked God a question which was an obvious attempt to justify, or excuse his action: "Am I my brother's keeper?" (Gen. 4:9). So it goes throughout the Bible. The question in this lesson passage is: "Who is my neighbor?"

I. A Lawyer's Leading Question (10:25-28)  
At that time the cross was only about six months away. The mission of the 70 was complete (10:1-16) and their report made to the Master (10:17-24). Jesus had fixed his mind on the cross (Luke 9:51) and had started toward Jerusalem, determined to complete his mission. On the way he gave some of his last lessons to his disciples. He began with this teaching on being a neighbor to the needy.

The lesson on neighborliness grew out of still another question: "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" A certain lawyer wanted to know. He asked his question to tempt Jesus; his spirit was evil. Perhaps he had inherited wealth and now wondered if he also could earn (or inherit) everlasting life.

Some folks have peculiar ideas about obtaining eternal life. "We are all trying to get to the same place; we are just taking different roads to get there" one often hears. Upon reflection one can see the fallacy of that statement. During a revival meeting teaching to our teaching suggests that we should not present the gospel to those who oppose it in a harsh overbearing way, or in a spirit of anger. We should not violate the laws of acceptable communication and dealing with people. If people will not hear us when we speak kindly and respectfully, we may be sure they will not when we abuse them and become angry. We harden them against the truth and confirm them in the opinion that Christianity is not worth much. Jesus was always mild and kind and not in a single instance did he violate the accepted way of dealing with people.

forget the principles of meekness, respect, love,

courtesy, and kindness.

the evangelist and I visited with an unsaved man at the urgent request of a concerned wife. A hard case, he stood in his front yard and told us that he had learned to live by the Ten Commandments when he was a boy. He had kept those commandments all his life, he said, and he was certain that God would welcome him into heaven because of that. He declared that he did not need to go to church or do anything else to be a Christian.

Jesus answered the lawyer's question with a question: "How do you read what is in your own law?" The Savior knew the man was an expert in the law. Jesus asked the man how he understood the very Scripture which he himself interpreted every day.

The lawyer's knowledge of the law was commendable. He quoted the summary of it all (Deut. 6:4-5 and Lev. 19:18). Jesus replied by complimenting his inquirer's correct knowledge. Did the Lord's answer mean that the man could earn eternal life? Herschel Hobbs suggests that Christ was answering the question just as it was asked — "What can I do to possess everlasting life?" Jesus stressed that he could do this and live. "If you can keep the law perfectly you can live," was the meaning of the reply. The lawyer and all others present knew he could do no such thing.

Knowing he was trapped, the lawyer attempted to justify himself by changing the subject. His method was to ask yet another question. "Who is my neighbor?" he asked.

## II. A Lingering Question (10:30-37)

Jesus answered with the parable of the Good Samaritan, one familiar to us all. Often the Savior illustrated with a profoundly simple story. Only Luke's gospel contains this story.

A certain man traveled from Jerusalem to Jericho. The road Jericho is literally "down" from Jerusalem. The elevation drops 3600 feet in about 20 miles. It was a narrow, rocky road, with numerous places for robbers to hide and from which they could spring on unsuspecting travelers. As that man went down the road,

## Off The Record

The boss looks on me as a sort of... he told me when he wants my advice, he'll ask for it.

